

# Scarlet Begonias

Grateful Dead

Key: E  
Tempo: 160  
Vocals: JM

- V1 As I was walking round Grosvenor Square,  
Not a chill to the winter, but a nip to the air.  
From the other direction she was calling my eye.  
It could be an illusion, but I might as well try, might as well try.
- V2 She rings on her fingers and bells on her shoes,  
and I knew without asking she was into the blues.  
She wore scarlet begonias tucked into her curls  
I knew right away she was not like other girls, other girls.
- V3 In the thick of the evening when the dealing got rough,  
She was too pat to open and too cool to bluff.  
As I picked up my matches and was closing the door,  
I had one of those flashes I'd been there before, been there before.
- Bridge Well I ain't often right, but I've never been wrong,  
seldom turns out the way it does in the song.  
Once in a while you get shown the light  
in the strangest of places if you look at it right.
- V4 Well there ain't nothin wrong with the way she moves  
or scarlet begonias or a touch of the blues.  
There's nothing wrong with the love that's in her eye.  
I had to learn the hard way to let her pass by, let her pass by.
- Lead [JM Lead](#)
- V5 The wind in the willows plays "Tea for Two".  
The sky was yellow and the sun was blue.  
Strangers stopping strangers just to shake their hand;  
Everybody's playing in the heart of gold band, heart of gold band.
- Outro [Long jam into Fire on the Mountain](#)
- Notes 4/16/89 (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EdsF4JdysHI>)