

Eyes

words & music by
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This was an easy song to write – about a subject that I have always had a fascination with. That so-rare occasion that I see a certain quality in a woman's eyes that startles and captivates me. It's been said that the eyes are the mirror of the soul – and if that's the case, then I've seen some rare and beautiful souls in the eyes that make me feel this way.

I can't say which happened first – words or music – this may have been one of those few times when the two tumbled out simultaneously. It seemed as though the chords I strummed on the guitar were trying to keep up with the fleeting glimpse I had of those eyes, “flying by me so quickly”. The pattern of the acoustic guitar part had to fit the description of the words.

I always felt this was one of the simplest songs I'd written but one of the most satisfying to play. There is a certain expressiveness about it that perhaps accomplishes an artistic statement better than I'd been able to do previously. I get a happy feeling when I hear the recording. I hope you do as well!

~ John