

Your Song
by Elton John and Bernie Taupin

who is the speaker?

It's a little bit funny, this feeling inside ^A
I'm not one of those who can easily hide ^A
I don't have much money, but boy if I did ^B
I'd buy a big house where we both could live ^B

half rhyme

If I was a sculptor, but then again, no ^A
Or a man who makes potions in a traveling show ^A
I know it's not much, but it's the best I can do ^B
My gift is my song and this one's for you ^B

theme of wanting
to be someone else -
to feel more worthy
of love, maybe?

phonics: "no" & "do" spelled
similarly, but different sounds
& part of separate rhyme

[Chorus] And you can tell everybody this is your song ^A
It may be quite simple but now that it's done ^A
I hope you don't mind, I hope you don't mind,
That I put down in words
How wonderful life is while you're in the world

half

half rhyme

← very English!

I sat on the roof and kicked off the moss
Well a few of the verses well they've got me quite cross
But the sun's been quite kind while I wrote this song
It's for people like you that keep it turned on
So excuse me forgetting but these things I do
You see I've forgotten if they're green or they're blue
Anyway the thing is what I really mean
Yours are the sweetest eyes I've ever seen

clear image of
how he wrote
the song

← what is he talking about - can
you figure it out before he
says?

exaggeration - or is it, when you're in love?

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first person

almost
stream-
of-
consciousness

personification

simile