

# The Speed of the Sound of Loneliness -John Prine

1 You come home late and you come home early 4  
5  
1 You come on big when you're feeling small 1  
1 You come home straight and you come home curly 4  
5  
5 Sometimes you don't come home at all 1

## *Chorus:*

1 So what in the world's come over you 4  
5  
5 Oh what in heaven's name have you done 1  
1 You've broken the speed of the sound of loneliness 4  
5  
5 You're out there running just to be on the run 1

## (Break)

1 Well I got a heart that burns with a fever 4  
5  
5 And I got a worried and a jealous mind 1  
1  
1 How can a love that'll last forever 4  
5  
5 Get left so far behind 1

## (Chorus) & (Break)

1 It's a mighty mean and dreadful sorrow 4  
5  
5 It's crossed the evil line today 1  
1  
1 Well, how can you ask about tomorrow 4  
5  
5 When we ain't got one word to say 1

(Chorus: last line three times.)