

SECRET DRINKER

Lyric by CLIVE JAMES, music by PETE ATKIN

Perch-ing high like an old-time man of law he trav-els on a

Cm7 F7 Cm F7

bar-stool to en-chant-ed lands And as the world be-fore him swims and

Cm F7 Abmaj7 Db Cm F7

glows the sec-ret drink-ers on-ly sure that he is real by the feel of his el-bows and the

Cm F7 Abmaj7 Db Gb E

stead-ily in-creas-ing weight of his fore-head in his hands

Abm Bb D7 Bbm7 F

And be- hind the bar Like turr- et- ed and batt- le- ment- ed
 conn- ois- eur He can space it out with chas- ers he can

Eb Db E

towns of long a- go The lines of col- ored bott- les swim and glow
 let it burn It's a trick it takes a lit- tle while to learn

Abm Bb Bb7 Ebm Ebm7 Cb

Brill- iant- ly as at the day of wrath or the year of the com- et But the
 You might see the young- steers of to- day sniff a cork and they vom- it But the

Cm Dm G G7 Am

sec-ret drink-er is far from it a-way from it all
 sec-ret drink-er is far from it a-way from it all

Am C9 Dm E

He can ease the pre-sent back in-to the
 He can make the loom-ing fut- ure lose its

E7 Am Em

past sting Star-ving at the past-els
 Stav-ing off the press-ure

Am D Am F

and the pris-ms on the shelf price With the
 is a bar-gain at the price of the

G9 Em

mag-ic words that make the eve-ning last
 mag-ic words that make the ang-els sing

E7 Am D

The same a-gain The same a-gain
 and have one for your- Go eas-y on the

Am B7

-self ice
 He's a Perch-ing

Em

high like an old-time man of law he trav-els on a bar-stool to en-

Cm7 F7 Cm F7 Cm F7

-chant-ed lands And as the world be-fore him swims and glows the se-cret drink-ers on-ly

Abmaj7 Db Cm7 F7 Cm F7

sure that he is real by the feel of his et-bass and the stead-il-y in-creas-ing

Abmaj7 Db Cm7 F7 Cm F7

weight of his fore-head in his hands that show be ceas-ing to trem-b-le by now and be-

Cm F7 Abmaj7 Db Gb E

-ginn-ing to re-semb-le the hands of a man he used to know

Abm Bb D7 Bbm7 F