

Ain't No Sunshine. 1971. Bill Withers

From his 1971 album *Just As I Am*, produced by Booker T. Jones. The record featured musicians Donald "Duck" Dunn on bass guitar, Al Jackson Jr. on drums and Stephen Stills on guitar. String arrangements were done by Booker T. Jones, and recorded in Memphis by engineer Terry Manning. The song is in the key of A minor.

4/4 time. Slow, (70 beats / minute). 1 2 3 4 Intro:

[Am] ~~— Ain't no sunshine when she's~~ [Am] gone [Am] [Em7] [G]

[Am] ~~— It's not warm when she's a-~~ [Am] -way [Am] [Em7] [G]

[Am] — Ain't no sunshine when she's [Am] gone [Am] [Em7] [G]

[Am] — It's not warm when she's a-[Am]-way [Am] [Em7] [G]

[Am] — Ain't no sunshine when she's [Em7] gone

And she's always gone too [Dm] long

Any-time she goes a-[Am]-way [Am] [Em7] [G]

[Am] — Wonder this time where she's [Am] gone [Am] [Em7] [G]

[Am] — Wonder if she's gone to [Am] stay [Am] [Em7] [G]

[Am] — Ain't no sunshine when she's [Em7] gone

And this house just ain't no [Dm] home

Any-time she goes a-[Am]-way [Am] [Em7] [G]

[Middle 8? 26 x I know, in 5 Bars. (Z = Muted strings).

[Am] — And I [Z] know I know I [Z] know I know I [Z] know I know

I [Z] know I know I [Z] know I know I [Z] know I know I [Z] know I know

I [Z] know I know I [Z] know I know I [Z] know I know I [Z] know I know

I [Z] know I know I [Z] know I know

[Am] — Hey I oughtta [AmC] leave the young thing a-[Em7]-lone

But there ain't no [Dm] sunshine when she's [Am] gone [Am] [Em7] [G]

[Am] — Ain't no sunshine when she's [Am] gone [Am] [Em7] [G]

[Am] — Only darkness every [Am] day [Am] [Em7] [G]

[Am] — Ain't no sunshine when she's [Em7] gone

And this house just ain't no [Dm] home

Any-time - she goes a-[Am]-way [Am] [Em7] [G]

[Am] — Any-time she goes a-[Am]-way [Am] [Em7] [G]

[Am] — Any-time she goes a-[Am]-way [Am] [Em7] [G]

[Am] — Any-time she goes a-[Am]-way [Am] [Em7] [G] [Am~]