

EVERYBODY'S TALKIN'

FRED NEIL (1966)

The song was first released on Neil's second album, the eponymous Fred Neil, released in late 1966. It was composed towards the end of the session, after Neil had become anxious to wrap the album so he could return to his home in Miami, Florida. Manager Herb Cohen promised that if Neil wrote and recorded a final track, he could go. 'Everybody's Talkin'', recorded in one take, was the result.

Everybody's talkin' at me
I don't hear a word they're sayin',
Only the echoes of my mind
People stop and stare
I don't see the faces,
Only the shadows of their eyes

I'm goin' where the sun keeps shinin'
Thru the pourin' rain
Goin' where the weather suits my clothes
Bankin' off the northeast wind
Sailin' on a summer breeze
Skippin' over the ocean like a stone

Oh! people stop and stare
I don't see the faces,
Only the shadows of their eyes

I'm goin' where the sun keeps shinin'
Thru the pourin' rain
Goin' where the weather suits my clothes
Bankin' off the northeast wind
Sailin' on a summer breeze
Skippin' over the ocean like a stone
Ah! Everybody's talkin' at me

Neil Diamond - 1969

Album - Touching You, Touching Me