John Grant Tackles HIV in New Dance Track ’I Try to Talk to You’

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Gay singer-songwriter John Grant famous for his 2013 hit song “Pale Green” has teamed up with indie band Hercules & Love Affair to create a new track that delves deep into Grant’s HIV-positive diagnosis.

The three-minute-long dark-pop dance track “I Try to Talk To You” isn’t completely forthcoming with its hidden theme, but contains lyrics like “You didn’t have to go / You didn’t have to add this to the mix” and “You let them use you good / Then they turn around and say you’re sick” that can help you figure it out.

According to the Joe.My.God blog, Andy Butler of Hercules & Love Affair said: “He tackled the story of becoming HIV positive, and while I mentioned to him that he did not need to go there if he was not comfortable, in that beautifully punky, spirited and courageous way he has about him, he told me that was what the song was going to be about.”

Take a listen and tell us what you think:

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