

# Dance With Me

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I'm leaving by night  
I'm leaving alone  
I'm leaving it lie  
When you waken I'll be gone  
I would not beg for me  
As I would not beg for you  
Though I'd like to be the one  
To see you through  
Every step you have taken  
Disappears with the tide  
You're torn up and shaken  
With changing your mind  
You haven't got the grace  
To say you'll finally decide  
And you haven't got the strength  
To stay and fight  
Those people who surround you  
Only want to see you weak enough to crawl  
They'll lie for you decide for you  
And buy up all your rights and all your wrongs  
And they'll try to stop your singing  
In the middle of your song  
For they do not want you free  
And they do not make you strong  
But only drag you down  
In the hole they're coming from  
They say you are foolish in wanting the sun  
Say you are selfish in learning to run  
And they'll tell you that the darkness  
Is a blessing in disguise  
For you never have to notice  
If you're sighted or you're blind  
And they'll do their best  
To keep you from the light  
You're more than beginning  
You're learning to fly  
You feel like you're falling  
But it passes in time  
I hate to see a friend  
Go down in flames without a song  
So I'm waiting by the doorway  
But I will not linger long  
I'm leaving by night  
I'm leaving alone  
I'm leaving it lie  
When you waken I'll be gone  
I would not beg for me  
As I could not beg for you  
But I'd like to be the one  
To see you through