

Spiral Staircase

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I'm running up a spiral staircase,
Drilling a hole in the ground.
And the staircase is winning,
And my head is spinning,
And I don't even dare to look round.

I'm running up a spiral staircase
I can't reach the top.
I'm running up a spiral staircase
And I'm too scared to stop.
And there's nothing anybody can do
To stop the staircase, like a giant corkscrew,
From spinning around and around and around and around.

Now in the beginning I only saw you
When the staircase hit your vision line.
But now that it's moving around so fast
I can see you all of the time.

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Now in the beginning it was moving so slowly
I never noticed it at first.
But now that it's moving round so fast
I think my head is gonna burst.

I'm running up a spiral staircase
I can't reach the top.
I'm running up a spiral staircase
And I'm too scared to stop.
And I believe that I'm gonna shot through
To stop the staircase, like a giant corkscrew,
From spinning around and around and around and around.

Now without a doubt I'm a-wearing out
And I'm really beginning to tire.
I know the staircase is steel but it just about feels
As though it's gonna catch on fire.

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