

DANCING ON THE WIRE

Lyrics



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01 TRY AGAIN

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We were lost and lonely
Didn't know the way to turn
Miles and miles from anywhere
Had a fading vision
And a cheated hope
Time to rewrite history

Or time to
Get up and chase it
Wake up and face it
Get up and chase it
Wake up and try again

Everything is changing
Chances come and go
Doesn't change the face of fear
At the stroke of midnight
the ballroom has been cleared
and we've missed the last train home

It's time to
Get up and chase it
Wake up and face it
Get up and chase it
Wake up and try again

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Or time to
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Wake up and face it
Get up and chase it
Wake up and face it
Get up now
Wake up now
Get up now
Wake up now

02 HOLD ON TO SIMON

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CHORUS

Hold on to Simon
Simon is my friend
Hold on to Simon
Don't just let it end
I know he's someone
On whom you can depend
Hold on to Simon
Don't just let it end

First day at school, I remember well
Simon was there, my only friend
Lunchtime wargames, win or lose
We would be there, sharing every bruise

CHORUS

Moved up to high school, changes every day
Sometimes the future made us feel afraid
Rolling with the punches and chasing after girls
Sometimes you'd find us taking on the world

CHORUS

Sometimes he's moody, got nothing to say
He might seem more distant when you're further away
But when you get closer you can't help but see
Simon is the person you hoped he would be

CHORUS

LAST CHORUS

Hold on to Simon OOh
Hold on to Simon Yeah Yeah Yeah
Hold on to Simon OOh
Hold on to Simon Yeah Yeah Yeah
Why don't you hold on to Simon
Simon is my friend
Hold on to Simon
Don't just let it end
I know he's someone
On whom you can depend
Hold on to Simon
Don't just let it end
Hold on to Simon

03 DON'T EVEN THINK ABOUT IT

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CHORUS

Don't even think about it
Don't even shed a tear
Don't want to wake the sleeping giant
Mustn't let him hear
Don't even talk about it
Don't even say a word
You live your life in a house of mirrors
Please don't disturb

V1

Use every waking hour
Cover every base
Show the world that you can do it
Put on a happy face
Make every post a winner
Never dare to lose
Live up to expectations
Why don't you choose?
Yeah!

CHORUS

V2

We're forever building castles
Further up the beach
Watching where the waves are breaking
Hoping they won't breach
Using every waking hour
Covering every base
Showing the world that we can do it
Put on a happy face
Yeah!

CHORUS

LAST CHORUS

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04 DANCE ON THE WIRE

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Why do you think you could never change?
Why are you scared of falling?
Why can't you stand close to the edge?
The voice of adventure's calling.

You can dance on the wire
You can dance on the wire with me
You can dance on the wire
You can dance on the wire with me

I need to know how far you will go
I don't want to be left stranded
The further you go, the further you'll know
That's when you're empty handed

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You can dance on the wire with me
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05 ONE STEP

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The blankets cover my eyes
Just thinking about it makes me tired
I wanna stand up, I wanna run
Wipe the sleep from my eyes and stare at the sun

There is a will, hidden deep
Just take one step
There is a way to break this sleep
Just take one step
And walk

My legs, they feel like lead
My heart is pumping blood to my head
I'm gonna stand up, I'm gonna run
I'm running to, not running from

There is a will, hidden deep
Just take one step
There is a way to break this sleep
Just take one step
And walk

It's not so hard when you can see the road
Lighten your burden, yeah, lessen your load
I can stand up, I can run
One foot after another, that's the way the race is won

There is a will, hidden deep
Just take one step
There is a way to break this sleep
Just take one step
And walk

06 JUST AS I AM

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Why do you look at me?
Why do you shake your head and turn away?
I try to talk to you
You try to get on with your life
And there's no way

And half the time I'm wrong
And half the time you're not there
And half the time I try
And half the time I just don't care

Take or leave me
Just as I am
Take or leave me
There's only one man I can be
Take or leave me
Just as I am
Take or leave me
There's only one man I can be

You stand there smiling
And then say you think I've gone astray
And just when I think that I've lost you
You turn back and say

Half the time I'm wrong
And half the time you're not there
Half the time I try
Half the time I just don't care

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07 PHOENIX

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Phoenix
Rising from the ashes
Phoenix
Brighter than the sun

The flames leapt higher
Higher and higher and higher
We could see you burning
Consumed by desire

Phoenix
Rising from the ashes
Phoenix
Brighter than the sun

We warmed our hands
And laughed or cried
Turned our backs to the night
As we watched the fire
When it burned down low
Suddenly scared to go
Black the night
Your last cry died

Phoenix
Rising from the ashes
Phoenix
Brighter than the sun

We wrapped ourselves in shrouds
Shut our doors and locked them
Prepared ourselves for endless night
When the sun rose
Shadow to your light

Phoenix
Rising from the ashes
Phoenix
Brighter than the sun

08 KEEP IT PERSONAL

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Press a button and the door slides open
Press a button and it gives me money
The lines on the scanner match the lines on my face
And the elevator voice says, "Please have a nice day"

I know we're in the twentieth century
You know we gotta live with technology
We know we gotta change with the times
But, don't put no hooks in me

Just keep it personal
Man to man, woman to woman
Just keep it personal
Man to man, woman to woman
Just keep it personal

A sexual encounter of the telecom kind
It's a tape-recorded voice with a very dirty mind
My pulse starts racing but my hands stay clean
And the dial-a-prayer says, "Your kingdom come"

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But, don't put no hooks in me

Just keep it personal
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Man to man, woman to woman
Just keep it personal

I can talk to America with minimum of fuss
Mass communication brought us all so close
The radio crackles and the dials light up
And the voice of the airwaves cries, "I'm so alone"

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