

# Shadow

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Why can't my wings soar like yours?  
Why can't my span spread as wide?  
Maybe I've got too much left to hide  
    Why is it so hard to fly  
    as I watch you grab the sky?  
Maybe you've got nothing left to lose  
    In the air, we'd meet as friends  
    Equals in the sky,  
and I would be content to watch you fly  
From the ground you're just someone  
    who's closer to the sun,  
and I am just the shadow by your side  
    Why is there a wind that waits  
    every time you leave the gates?  
Why are you aloft when I'm a fool?  
    Maybe I don't feel the breeze  
    as it washes over me  
Maybe I'm just too earthbound to move  
    But in the air we'd meet as friends  
    Equals in the sky,  
and I would be content to watch you fly  
Here on the ground you're just someone  
    who's closer to the sun,  
and I am just a shadow by your side  
Why does God give us these dreams  
    if He won't provide the wings?  
    If I had one wish tonight,  
    I would wish to chart my flight  
higher than the mountains I can't climb  
    I would meet you halfway there  
    Soar like only eagles dare  
and my wings would measure brave enough to face the sky  
    'cause in the air we'd meet as friends  
    Equal to the sky,  
and I would be content to watch you fly  
But from the ground you're just someone  
    who's standing closer to the sun,  
and I am just a shadow by your side  
From the ground you're just someone

Who's closer to the sun  
And I am just the shadow by your side

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