

Ballerina

Nat "King" Cole

-artist: nat king cole

-peak billboard position # 18 in 1957

-previously charted in 1947 by vaughn monroe (#1)

-previously charted in 1948 by buddy clark (#5); bing crosby (#10); and jimmy

-dorsey (also #10)

-words and music by bob russell and carl sigman
Dance, ballerina, dance

And do your pirouette in rhythm with your achin' heart

Dance, ballerina, dance

You mustn't once forget a dancer has to dance the part
Whirl, ballerina, whirl

And just ignore the chair that's empty in the second row

This is your moment, girl

Although he's not out there applauding as you steal the show
Once you said his love must wait it's turn

You wanted fame instead

I guess that's your concern

We live and learn
And love is gone, ballerina, gone

So on with your career, you can't afford a backward glance

Dance on and on and on

A thousand people here have come to see the show

As 'round and 'round you go

So ballerina, dance

Dance, dance!

Whirl ballerina

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