

# No Dancing

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Oh, I know that she has made a fool of him  
Like girls have done so many nights before  
Time and time again life is so strange  
I don't know why but somebody, somebody has to cry  
There's gonna be no dancing when they get home There's gonna be no dancing, there's gonna be no dancing  
There's gonna be no dancing when they get home Now he's telling her every little thing he's done  
Once he glanced at the jackets of some paperbacks  
Now he's read every one, he's such a drag  
He's not insane, it's just that everybody has to feel his pain  
There's gonna be no dancing when they get home He's getting down on his knees  
He finds that the girl is not so easy to please  
Oh, oh, after all, his nights were just a paper striptease  
She's caught it like some disease If he says, no dancing, there's gonna be no dancing  
There's gonna be no dancing on my own She can't even speak to him, he can't face her now  
He says "Even though I wanna shake your hand  
All I ever do is bow, so now you see how can it be  
Why can't you give me anythin' but sympathy?" There's gonna be no dancing, there's gonna be no dancing  
There's gonna be no dancing, there's gonna be no dancing  
There's gonna be no dancing on my own

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