

# A Man Needs a Woman or a Man to Be a Man

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When you leave, I go into our room  
And lay me down on birds of paradise  
It's pretty womanly in here!  
Roses noting every move  
Nothing goes on except what should  
A vast legacy of good And I don't know if I can uphold it on my own  
I don't know if I can uphold it on my own  
I don't know if I'm to be trusted  
In our room  
Alone A man needs a woman or a man  
To be a man  
A man needs a woman or a man  
To be a man  
The light is explicit  
Between nine and noon  
The light shows a life to things thought dead  
Like oaken legs and fireworks beneath the bed Fireworks are wasted in the day  
I set 'em off anyway  
To pass the time 'til you return  
I Can't see a thing 'til you return  
Maybe a little smoke 'til you return  
With fireworks  
More fireworks!  
With fireworks  
More fireworks!  
And you tell me to wait  
Just wait, wait  
Just wait  
A man needs a woman or a man  
To be a man  
A man needs a woman or a man  
To be a man And when it's good and dark  
The sky a wet black  
Like earth has turned  
You say OK  
Now is time, OK  
Like earth has turned Above us explode a golden lion dripping red  
A blue bear spitting white  
A spider of fire on a web of sparks

A green dragon with spiralled eyes  
Fireworks light the way  
Fireworks light the way  
Fireworks light the way  
Fireworks light the way Before us lie many a night  
Before us lie fireworks in boxes  
But only in you  
Deep in you  
Only in you  
Deep in you  
Is the fire that lights them A man needs a woman or a man  
To be a man  
A man needs a woman or a man  
To be a man  
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