Come In From The Cold

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Back in 1957 we had to dance a foot apart
And they hawk eyed us from the sidelines
Holding their rulers, without a heart
And so with just a touch of our fingers
I could make our circuitry explode
All we ever wanted
Was just to come in from the cold
Come in, come in, come in, come in
Come in, oh, come in from the cold
Come in, come in
We were so young
Ooh, come in, come in, come in, come in
Come in from the cold
We really thought, we had a purpose
We were so anxious, to achieve
We had hope, the world held promise
For a slave to liberty
Freely I slaved away for something better
And I was bought and sold
And all I ever wanted
Was just to come in from the cold
Come in, come in, come in, come in
Come in from the cold
Come in, come in
We were so sure
Who's coming in?
Come in, come in, come in, come in
Come in from the cold
I feel your legs under the table
Leaning into mine
I feel renewed, I feel disabled
By these bonfires in my spine
I don't know who the arsonist was
Which incendiary soul
But all I ever wanted
Was just to come in from the cold
Come in, come in, come in, come in
Oh, come in from the cold, yea
Come in, come in

We were too far
Please come in
Come in, come in, come in, come in
Come in from the cold
I am not some stone commission
Like a statue in a park
I am flesh and blood and vision
I am howling in the dark
Long blue shadows of the jackals
Are falling on a pay phone by the road
Oh, all they ever wanted
Was just to come in from the cold
Come in, come in, come in, come in
Come in from the cold
Come in, come in
I was so low
Ohh, come in
Come in, come in, come in, come in
Come in from the cold
Is this just vulgar electricity?
Is this the edifying fire?
It was so pure
Does your smile's covert complicity
Debase as it admires?
Just a flu with a temperature
Are you just checkin' out your mojo?
Or am I just fightin' off growing old
Just a high fever
All I ever wanted
Was just to come in from the cold
Come in, come in, come in, come in
Come in, oh, come in from the cold
Come in, come in
It was so pure
Please come in
Come in, come in, come in, come in
Come in from the cold
Ooh
I know we never will be perfect
Never entirely clear
When the moon shines
We get hurt and we just panic
And we strike out, out of fear
You were only being kind
I fear the sentence of this solitude

Two hundred years on hold
For my loving crime
Oh, and all we ever wanted
Was just to come in from the cold
Come in, come in, come in, come in
Come in, come in from the cold
Come in, come in
When the moon shines
Ohh, come in
Come in, come in, come in, come in
Come in from the cold
When I thought life had some meaning
Then I thought I had some choice
I was running blind
And I made some value judgments
In a self important voice
I was outta line
But then absurdity came over me
And I longed to lose control
Into no mind
Oh, all I ever wanted
Was just to come in from the cold
Come in, come in, come in, come in
Oh, come in from the cold
Come in, come in
You were so kind
Please come in
Come in, come in, come in, come in
So kind
Come in from the cold
Come in, come in
Oh, come in, come in
Come in, come in, come in, come in
Come in from the cold
Come in, come in
I was so low
Come in, come in
Come in, come in, come in, come in
Come in from the cold
Come in, come in
Please come in
Come in, come in, come in, come in

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