So Long Marianne

Leonard Cohen

Come over to the window, my little darling

I'd like to try to read your palm

I used to think I was some kind of Gypsy boy

Before I let you take me homeNow so long, Marianne

It's time that we began to laugh

And cry and cry and laugh about it all againWell, you know that I love to live with you

But you make me forget so very much

I forget to pray for the angels

And then the angels forget to pray for usNow so long, Marianne

It's time that we began to laugh

And cry and cry and laugh about it all againWe met when we were almost young

Deep in the green lilac park

You held on to me like I was a crucifix

As we went kneeling through the darkOh, so long, Marianne

It's time that we began to laugh

And cry and cry and laugh about it all againYour letters, they all say that you're beside me now

Then why do I feel alone?

I'm standing on a ledge and your fine spider web

Is fastening my ankle to a stoneNow so long, Marianne

It's time that we began to laugh

And cry and cry and laugh about it all againFor now I need your hidden love

I'm cold as a new razorblade

You left when I told you I was curious

I never said that I was braveOh, so long, Marianne

It's time that we began to laugh

And cry and cry and laugh about it all againOh, you are really such a pretty one

I see you've gone and changed your name again

And just when I climbed this whole mountainside

To wash my eyelids in the rainOh, so long, Marianne

It's time that we began to laugh

And cry and cry and laugh about it all again

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