Counting

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Now is the glimmering spinning beginning
Of something I've prayed for and count to the minutes
To be in the shadows of sheltering meadows
Of night, here with you in my armsThis is the moment that pauses to hold us
As you and I move in a background of wonder
Surrounded by countless enclosures
Of nocturnal unspoken music of joyCounting times you have stood at the foot of my ivory tower
And waited and called out my name by the hour and counted
On the wings of my heart strings to carry the sound
I have counted on pleading, you see how I need you, come downAnd now between twilight and midnight I come to you
Down in my gown of soft moonbeams and starlight
Bright is the evening, the breezes have fenced usAnd nestled against us, you're here and warm
And mine till the time when the dawn will awake you
The morning will shake you, the highway will take youBut now all the rays of the moon making bouquets
Will swim through the luster of lingering street lights
We count on the night to hold everything even
And count on forgetting that you will be leaving
And destiny's folded and then in the dawn you'll be goneBut now as the gardens of softening night time
Are blossoming slowly around where we are
You and I come together and walk through the dreams of the starsSo here while the song of the deepening evening
Is singing to me from the light in your eyes
We can count on each other to move to the beach of tomorrow
And know where we've been

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