

The Guests

Leonard Cohen

One by one the guests arrive
The guests are coming through
The open-hearted many
The broken-hearted few And no one knows where the night is going
And no one knows why the wine is flowing
Oh, love I need you, I need you, I need you, I need you
Oh, I need you now And those who dance, begin to dance
Those who weep begin
And "Welcome, welcome" cries a voice
Let all my guests come in And no one knows where the night is going
And no one knows why the wine is flowing
Oh, love I need you, I need you, I need you, I need you
Oh, I need you now And all go stumbling through that house
In lonely secrecy
Saying, "Do reveal yourself"
Or "Why has thou forsaken me?" And no one knows where the night is going
And no one knows why the wine is flowing
Oh, love I need you, I need you, I need you, I need you
Oh, I need you now All at once the torches flare
The inner door flies open
One by one they enter there
In every style of passion And no one knows where the night is going
And no one knows why the wine is flowing
Oh, love I need you, I need you, I need you, I need you
Oh, I need you now And here they take their sweet repast
While house and grounds dissolve
And one by one the guests are cast
Beyond the garden wall And no one knows where the night is going
And no one knows why the wine is flowing
Oh, love I need you, I need you I need you, I need you
Oh, I need you now Those who dance, begin to dance
Those who weep begin
Those who earnestly are lost
Are lost and lost again And no one knows where the night is going
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