

# Helplessly hoping

Stephen Stills

Helplessly hoping  
Her harlequin hovers nearby  
Awaiting a word  
Gasping at glimpses  
Of gentle true spirit  
He runs, wishing he could fly  
Only to trip at the sound of good-bye Wordlessly watching  
He waits by the window  
And wonders  
At the empty place inside  
Heartlessly helping himself to her bad dreams  
He worries  
Did he hear a good-bye? Or even hello? They are one person  
They are two alone  
They are three together  
They are for-or each other Stand by the stairway  
You'll see something  
Certain to tell you confusion has its cost  
Love isn't lying  
It's loose in a lady who lingers  
Saying she is lost  
And choking on hello

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