

Helplessly hoping

Stephen Stills

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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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