

# For a Dancer

by Jackson Browne (1974)

C F  
Keep a fire burning in your eye  
C F  
Pay attention to the open sky  
C F C G  
You never know what will be coming down

C F  
I don't remember losing track of you  
C F  
You were always dancing in and out of view  
C F C G  
I must've thought you'd always be around

Am F C G  
Always keeping things real by playing the clown, now you're nowhere to be found

C F C G

C F  
I don't know what happens when people die  
C F  
Can't seem to grasp it as hard as I try. It's like a  
C F  
song I can hear playing right in my ear, that I can't  
C G  
sing - I can't help listening

C F  
And I can't help feeling stupid standing 'round  
C F  
Crying as they ease you down  
C F C  
'Cause I know that you'd rather we were dancing  
G Am F C  
Dancing our sorrow away right on dancing

G C  
No matter what fate chooses to play  
*There's nothing you can do about it anyway just*  
F C F C G  
Just do the steps that you've been shown, by everyone you've ever known  
Am C7 F G Am  
Until the dance becomes your very own, no matter how close to yours, another's steps have  
F C G C F C G  
grown, in the end there is one dance you'll do alone

C F  
Keep a fire for the human race  
C F  
Let your prayers go drift in..in to space  
C F C G  
You never know what will be coming down

C F  
Perhaps a better world is drawing near  
C F  
And just as easily it could all disappear  
C F C G  
Along with whatever meaning you might have found

Am F C G  
Don't let the uncertainty turn you around Go on and make a joyful  
C F C F C G  
*The world keeps turning around and a round*  
sound into a dancer you have grown from a seed somebody else has thrown

Am C7 F G  
Go on ahead and throw some seeds of your own and somewhere between the time you  
Am F C G C C  
arrive and the time you go may lie the reason you were alive but you'll never know