

Dory Previn

"I Dance and Dance and Smile and Smile"

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i'm always loving someone
more than he loves me
lord
i wish
just this once
that's not how it would be

i always try too hard
when i find someone new
god
i wish
just this once
you'd need me more
that i need you

i danced
to please my father
just to win once glance
some sign of his approval
i danced and danced
and danced and danced
i smiled
to make my mother
proud i was her child
to gain some small attention
i smiled and smiled
and smiled and smiled
my books and bikes
i bartered to try
to buy a friend
now i'm grown
this heart i own
is the currency
i spend and spend
and spend
and
in the end
i'll give you
everything i own
sure
you'd never want me
for myself alone

how i hate the way i am
always trying to impress
lord
if i could love me more
i could love you less

and if i could
love you less
i would not
confuse you
dancing
dancing
smiling
smiling
till
of course
i lose you...

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