

Bob Seger

"The Fire Inside"

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There's a hard moon risin' on the streets tonight
There's a reckless feeling in your heart as you head out
tonight
Through the concrete canyons to the midtown lights
Where the latest neon promises are burning bright
Past the open windows on the darker streets
Where unseen angry voices flash and children cry
Past the phony posers with their worn out lines
The tired new money dressed to the nines
The low life dealers with their bad designs
And the dilettantes with their open minds
You're out on the town, safe in the crowd
Ready to go for the ride
Searching the eyes, looking for clues
There's no way you can hide
The fire inside
Well you've been to the clubs and the discotheques
Where they deal one another from the bottom of a
deck of promises
Where the cautious loners and emotional wrecks
Do an acting stretch as a way to hide the obvious
And the lights go down and they dance real close

And for one brief instant they pretend they're safe and warm

Then the beat gets louder and the mood is gone

The darkness scatters as the lights flash on

They hold one another just a little too long

And they move apart and then move on

On to the street, on to the next

Safe in the knowledge that they tried

Faking the smile, hiding the pain

Never satisfied

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Now the hour is late and he thinks you're asleep

You listen to him dress and you listen to him leave like you knew he would

You hear his car pull away in the street

Then you move to the door and you lock it when he's gone for good

Then you walk to the window and stare at the moon

Riding high and lonesome through a starlit sky

And it comes to you how it all slips away

Youth and beauty are gone one day

No matter what you dream or feel or say

It ends in dust and disarray

Like wind on the plains, sand through the glass

Waves rolling in with the tide

Dreams die hard and we watch them erode

But we cannot be denied

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