

# Judy Collins

## "Risk"

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Time slips by in the hourglass  
You can hear your name  
Sand slides through the stranger's hand  
As he deals the game

All the candles are burning low  
No more cradles and no more snow  
Bet your life on a lucky roll  
Play your queen, you could win your soul

Stakes are high you can live or die  
To risk everything

In your goblet the wine is black  
As a moonless night  
Wet your lips before you kiss  
The blazing light

Bets are off but the game is on  
Drop the armor you counted on  
All your armies are fled and gone  
Win your king, you can play your pawn

Take your time, you have just begun  
To risk everything

Catch your tears in a golden sieve  
Don't regret what you did to live  
Don't forget that you must forgive  
To risk everything

Through the window you see the storm  
That is gathering  
Painted gypsies on dappled horses  
Are galloping

Through the trees in the howling wind  
Down the hills to the river bend  
Shadow ghosts that are blind as night  
Shrieking curses against the night

Daring you to come join their flight

And risk everything

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To risk everything

There is nothing to hold you now  
To your fault or mine  
Fallen idols and martyred souls  
Are the only kind

Feet of clay in the emerald skies  
Birds of prey when the dreamer dies  
Perfect crosses perfect your lies  
Burning saints in the flaming skies

Bet your life every promise dies  
All that's left for you to try is risking everything

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