

Kinks

"Come Dancing"

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They put a parking lot
On a piece of land
Where the supermarket
Used to stand

Before that they
Put up a bowling alley
On the site that used
To be the local palais

That's where the big bands
Used to come and play
My sister went there
On a Saturday

Come dancing
All her boyfriends
Used to come and call
Why not come dancing
It's only natural

Another Saturday
Another date
She would be ready but
She'd always make him wait

In the hallway, in anticipation
He didn't know the night
Would end up in frustration

He'd end up blowing
All his wages for the week
All for a cuddle and
A peck on the cheek

Come dancing
That's how they did it
When I was just a kid
And when they
Said come dancing
My sister always did

My sister should have
Come in at midnight
And my mom would
Always sit up and wait

It always ended up
In a big row
When my sister used
To get home late

Out of my window
I can see them in the moonlight
Two silhouettes saying goodnight
By the garden gate

The day they knocked down the palais
My sister stood and cried
The day they knocked down the palais
Part of my childhood died, just died

Now I'm grown up
And playing in a band
And there's a car park
Where the palais used to stand

My sister's married and
She lives on an estate
Her daughters go out
Now it's her turn to wait

She knows they get away
With things she never could
But if I asked her
I wonder if she would

Come dancing
Come on, sister
Have yourself a ball
Don't be afraid
To come dancing
It's only natural

Come dancing
Just like the palais on a Saturday
And all her friends will come dancing
Where the big band used to play

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