

Leonard Cohen "The Promise"

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(Written By Cohen, Performed In "Night Magic")

(Judy) Once I was happy to
Roam through the gold and blue
Now something haunts me
I know it's real
Someone returns
The desire I feel

(Angels) We could have passed him by

(Judy) Should have passed him by
So many others cry

(Angels) One more human cry

(Judy) So many others
Reaching for
A thread through the night
Or one lover more

He has a dream

(Angels) It's his dream

(Judy) I dream it too

(Angels) It's not your dream

(Judy) He dreams of the promise
We swore we would come through

(Angels) The promise is not yours alone to honor

(Judy) But we said we'd...

(Angels) This is not our part

(Judy) Open his heart

(Angels) Now it is open

(Judy) No, now it must start

(Michael) You promised me whatever was in my heart

(Angels) We promised him whatever was in his heart

(Michael) You swore that I could speak from the heart

(Angels) Yes, we said he'd speak from his heart

(Michael) Now I have chosen

And you must obey

(Judy) I will obey

(Michael) It's my heart that commands

And it must have its way

I want you

I need you

I can't live without you

Anymore

(Judy) Your heart commands me

And I will obey you

I need you

I can't live without you

Anymore

(Judy & Angels) We promised him whatever was

In his heart

(Michael) You promised me whatever was

In my heart

(Judy & Angels) We said that he could speak

From the heart

(Michael) You swore that I could speak

From the heart

(Judy) And now he has chosen

And now I must choose

Tho' garlands of planets

And starlight I lose

(Angels) Now you must choose

Starlight, starlight

You're gonna lose him

(Judy & Michael) I want you, I need you

I can't live without you

(Everyone) I want you, I need you
I can't live without you
Anymore

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