

## **Phil Collins**

# **"For A Friend"**

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When I saw him last  
he had that look in his eyes  
I said, "Do you need to talk?"  
he said, "No."  
So I called him up, asked him again and I waited a  
while -  
he began to speak, then he started to cry

You know some things are best left unspoken  
and some things just never work out  
and sometimes, seems you try and you try and  
whatever you do  
There's a fix that you're in, and you just can't get out  
he said, "I need your help, I need it now  
Give me the strength to go on"

Though I didn't know what  
I knew that something was wrong  
but he still had his pride  
he'd tell me in time  
Well this feeling inside  
kept eating at me  
I was losing a friend, and I had to know why

When I heard the voice on the phone, I knew it was bad  
news  
so I rushed to be by his side  
and we said goodbye for the last time  
I gently hugged him, and kissed him goodbye  
he whispered, "I need your help, I need it now  
Give me the strength to go on."

We were always laughing  
I just remember laughing, mama  
We were always laughing

Oh I need your help, I need it now  
Give me the strength to go on

Though as time goes by, and it all becomes clear  
we can see the deceit, we see the lies  
So I asked myself, over and over, and over again

What did they know? What did they hide?  
Fools, leading the innocent blindly  
Fools, turning away

And I know that  
when I think of my friend with that look in his eyes  
and if they told the truth, he might be here today  
I need your help, I need it now  
Just give me the strength to go on, on

I remember the laughing  
We were always laughing

Oh no - it's just strength we need now  
Just the strength to go on...

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