

## **Dave Carter and Tracy Grammer** **"Disappearing Man"**

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All rise, behold the famous disappearing man  
Who comes in crimson robes but leaves in yellow rags  
Hear now his ancient call to union  
And the furious communion of the maiden and the stag

In the dark, in the dawn, with your wedding dress in  
tatters  
You reveal the yearning desert in the country of your  
skin  
How you ache for the fawn, and he says it doesn't  
matter  
But it does and he's gone, and you know that he won't  
be back again

Long now he's borne his heavy armor resting  
Only in his sorrows and his noble-nosed regrets  
Some light, some momentary solace  
And he'll ride off gay and lawless as the moment that  
you met

So the night comes and goes, and there's no one there  
to nurture  
But yourself and you know that you've nothing left to  
lose  
Will you stand in the road waiting for another searcher  
Will you weep soft and low in the voice that your mother  
used to use

Springtime the swain came green and hero like  
A friendly gypsy storm on tender lilies, hale and blaze  
Late fall, the boatman rowed you grimly  
Down a canyon dark and empty in a stale and dreary  
haze

At the end of the year when the cliffs rise up behind  
you  
And the stream runs in circles from the chasm to the  
core  
And the sun comes in tears 'cause the gardener did  
not find you  
Will you bloom bright and fierce, will you know you  
don't need him anymore

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