

## Chris Smither

# "Leave The Light On"

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If I were young again, I'd pay attention  
To that little-known dimension  
That tastes of endless time  
It's just like water, it runs right through our fingers  
But the flavor of it lingers  
Like a rich, red wine

In those days we were single - and we lived 'em one by  
one  
Now we hardly see 'em - they don't walk - they run  
But I got plenty left I've set my sight on  
Don't wait up - Leave the light on  
I'll be - home - soon

I've never seen my life in such a hurry -  
But if I start to worry -  
I get left behind  
It's like a party, but you don't get invitations -  
and there's just one destination  
You better be on time

For years we rhymed in couplets -  
And we sang 'em two by two  
Now we hardly rhyme at all - but here's a few  
And if they hurt, there's bullets left to bite on  
Don't wait up - Leave the light on -  
I'll be - home - soon

That drummer in my head needs inspiration  
There's a lack of syncopation -  
the holes need to align.  
It's just so hard to leave these cages that we think in  
By stages we just sink in -  
to a slow decline

For years we lived in waltz time -  
and we danced three by three  
Now it's hard to dance, but if you'll stick with me -  
We've got what we need to spend the night on -

Don't wait up - Leave the light on -  
I'll be - home - soon

These races that we've run were not for glory -  
No moral to this story -  
We run for peace of mind  
But the race we're running now is never-ending.  
Since space and time are bending,  
There's no finish line -

But I'll live to be a hundred -  
I was born in '44 -  
39 to go, but I ain't keepin' score -

I've been left for dead before - but I still fight on - Don't  
wait up - Leave the light on  
I'll be home soon

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