

## Allan Sherman

### "Night And Day"

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Like the beat comma beat comma beat of the tom  
hyphen tom,  
When the jungle shadows fall.  
Like the tick hyphen tick hyphen tock of the stately  
clock,  
As it stands against the wall.  
Like the drip comma drip comma drip of the raindrops,  
When the summer shower is through.  
Some voice within me keeps repeating  
Colon, quotation mark.  
You comma you comma you, exclamation point.  
Close quotation, period, dash.

Night and day, comma.  
You are the one, dash.  
Only to you comma beneath the moon comma and  
under the sun.  
Semicolon.  
Whether near to me or far, dot dot dot,  
It's no matter comma darling comma where you are,  
dash.  
I think of you, comma.  
Night and day, period. New paragraph.  
Night and day, exclamation point.  
Under the height of me. Dash.  
There's an oh such a hungry yearning comma  
Burning parenthesis inside of me.  
Closed parenthesis, period.  
(Well, "inside of me" is a parenthetical phrase that  
describes where the yearning is burning.)  
And torment won't be through  
Until you let me spend my life making love to you.  
Asterisk!  
(Cause there's a footnote at the bottom that tells  
who's making love to who.)  
Spend my life making love to you.  
Day and night?  
Night and day, question mark.  
Night and day.

