

Jerome Kern

"I Wont Dance"

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Performed by Van Johnson and Lucille Bremer)

[she]

Think of what you're losing

By constantly refusing to dance with me.

You'd be the idol of France with me!

And yet you stand there and shake

Your foolish head dramatic'lly.

While I wait here so ecstatic'lly

You just look and say emphatic'lly

Not this season! There's a reason!

[he]

I won't dance! Don't ask me;

I won't dance! Don't ask me;

I won't dance, Madame, with you.

My heart won't let my feet do the things they should
do!

You know what? You're lovely,

[she]

And so what? I'm lovely!

[he]

But oh! What you do to me!

I'm like an ocean wave that's bumped on the shore;

I feel so absolutely stumped on the floor!

[she]

When you dance you're charming and you're gentle!

'Spec'illy when you do the "Continental".

[he]

But this feeling isn't purely mental;

For heaven rest us, I'm not asbestos.

I won't dance! Why should I!

I won't dance! How could I?

I won't dance! Merci beau coup!

I know that music leads the way to romance:

So if I hold you in my arms I won't dance

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