

Alexandra Leaving
Leonard Cohen

ALEXANDRA LEAVING - Leonard Cohen

C **Am**
Suddenly the night has grown colder.

G **F** **G** **C**
the god of love preparing to depart.

C **Am**
Alexandra hoisted on his shoulder,

F **F** **G** **C**
they slip between the sentries of the heart.

Em **F**
Upheld by the simplicities of pleasure

Dm **F**
they gain the light, they formlessly entwine.

C **Am**
And radiant beyond your widest measure
F **F** **G** **C**
they fall among the voices and the wine.

F **G** **Am**
It s not a trick, your senses all deceiving,
F **Dm** **G**
a fitful dream, the morning will exhaust.
C **G** **Am** **G** **F**
Say goodbye to Alexandra leaving.
Dm **G** **C** **F** **C** **F**
then say goodbye to Alexandra lost.

C **Am**
Even though she sleeps upon your satin,
G **F** **G** **C**
even though she wakes you with a kiss.
C **Am**
Do not say the moment was imagined,
G **F** **G** **C**
do not stoop to strategies like this.

Em **F**
 As someone long prepared for this to happen,
Dm **G**
 go firmly to the window, drink it in.

C **Am**
 Exquisite music, Alexandra laughing,
F **F** **G** **C**
 your first commitments tangible again.

F **G** **Am**
 And you who had the honor of her evening
F **Dm** **G**
 and by that honor had your own restored,

C **G** **Am** **G** **F**
 say goodbye to Alexandra leaving,
Dm **G** **C**
 Alexandra leaving with her lord.

C **Am**
 As someone long prepared for the occasion,
G **F** **G** **C**
 in full command of every plan you wrecked,
C **Am**
 do not choose a coward's explanation,
G **F** **G** **C**
 that hides behind the cause and the effect.

F **G** **Am**
 And you who were bewildered by a meaning,
Dm **F** **G**
 whose code was broken, crucifix uncrossed,
C **G** **Am** **G** **F**
 Say goodbye to Alexandra leaving.
Dm **G** **C**
 then say goodbye to Alexandra lost.

(Repeat last two lines)