

Night Comes On
Leonard Cohen

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[3/4 time]

Eb G# Eb / Eb G# Eb /

Eb G# Eb
I went down to the place where I knew she lay waiting

G# Bb
Under the marble and the snow

Eb G# Eb
I said Mother I m frightened the thunder and the lightning

G# Bb
I ll never come through this alone

G# C# G# C#
She said I ll be with you my shawl wrapped around you

G# C# G#
My hand on your head when you go

Eb Bbm F# C#
And the night came on it was very calm, I wanted the night to go on and on

G# Eb G# Eb /
But she said go back, go back to the world

Eb G# Eb
We were fighting in Egypt when they signed this agreement

G# Bb
That nobody else had to die

Eb G# Eb
There was this terrible sound and my father went down

G# Bb
With a terrible wound in his side

G# C# G# C#
He said try to go on take my books take my gun

G# C# G#
Remember my son how they lied

Eb Bbm
And the night comes on it s very calm

F# C#
I d like to pretend that my father was wrong

G# Eb G# Eb /
But you don t want to lie, not to the young

Eb G# Eb

We were locked in this kitchen I took to religion

G# Bb

And I wondered how long she would stay

Eb G# Eb G#

Bb

I needed so much to have nothing to touch, I ve always been greedy that way

G# C# G# C#

But my son and my daughter climbed out of the water

G# C# G#

Crying Papa you promised to play

Eb Bbm

And they lead me away to the great surprise

F# C#

It s Papa don t peek, Papa cover your eyes

G# Eb G# Eb /

And they hide, they hide in the world

Eb G# Eb

Now I look for her always I m lost in this calling

G# Bb

I m tied to the threads of some prayer

Eb G# Eb

Saying when will she summon me when will she come to me

G# Bb

What must I do to prepare

G# C# G# C#

When she bends to my longing like a willow like a fountain

G# C# G#

She stands in the luminous air

Eb Bbm

And the night comes on it s very calm

F# C#

I lie in her arms, she says when I m gone

G# Eb G# Eb /

I ll be yours, yours for a song

Eb G# Eb

Now the crickets are singing, the vesper bells ringing

G# Bb

The cat s curled asleep in his chair

Eb G# Eb

I ll go down to Bill s Bar, I can make it that far

G# Bb

And I ll see if my friends are still there

G# C# G# C#

Yes and here s to the few who forgive what you do

G# C# G#

And the fewer who don t even care

Eb Bbm

And the night comes on, it s very calm

F# C#

I want to cross over I want to go home

G# Eb G# Eb /

But she says go back, go back to the world
G / / / / / / / D G D / D G D

----- Put your problems out with the cat -----

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----- Must be lamb today cause beef was last week -----