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Come a little closer Hear what I have to say Just like the kids sleep 'We could dream tonight away But there's a full moon risin ' Let's go dance ' in the light We know where the music plays 'Let's go out and feel the night Because I'm still in love with you I want to see you dance again 'Cause I'm still in love with you In this harvest month When we were strangers from afar When we were lovers I was a couple love you with all my heart But now it's getting late And the moon is climbin' high I want to celebrate See it shine 'n your eyes 'cause I still love you dancing again 'cause I still love you harvest moon Lyrics submitted by P310 Harvest Moon as written by Neil Young Lyrics © Silver Fiddle Lyrics powered by LyricFind Add your thoughts In now to tell us what you think this song means. Don't have an account? Create an account with SongMeanings to post comments, submit lyrics, and more. It's so easy, we promise! Harvest MoonSingle by Neil Youngfrom Harvest MoonB-sideOld King AlbumListed November 2, 1992Recorded1992GenreFolk rockcountry rockLength5:03LabelRepriseSongwriter(s)Neil YoungProducer(s)Neil YoungNeil Young's chronology single War of Man (1992) Harvest Moon (1992) Unknown Legend (1993) Harvest Moon is a song written by Neil Young that was first released on his 1992 album Harvest Moon. The song reached 36 on the UK singles charts. [1] The song's background and composition use a moon motif, which Young says is very important to him and has a 4-or-religious tone. [1] This was a tribute to his wife Pegi Young, and the two danced in a bar in a music video. [2] Linda Ronstadt provided backing vocals. [3] According to a sheet of music published on Musiconotes.com by Sony/ATV Music Publishing, the song is composed in A Major key with Young's vocal range stretching from D3 to F#4. [4] Reception Rolling Stone rated Harvest Moon as neil young#3's all-time best singer. [5] Matthew Greenwald of Allmusic highly praised the song, stating that it symbolizes the album and the power of nature and music, and the feeling of celebrating lifelong love is the focal point here, and Young captures it all in his typically literate and artless style. Greenwald praised the melody as positively gorgeous, and it was one that could easily frame a heavier song. [3] Classic Rock Review called it an absolute masterpiece of song titles that celebrates longevity in relationships and love relationships with perfect melodies backed by perfect musical arrangements. They went on to say that from acoustic riffing in advance to plucked steel guitars, subtle sound intricacies, soft brush strokes on drums, and beautiful backing vocals, this song the essence of beauty and romance and any song ever. [6] [6] Chart (1993) Peakposition Canadian RPM Top Singles[7] 5 UK Singles Chart 36 Chart (1993) Position Canada Top Singles (RPM)[8] 42 Certifications Region Certification Certified units/Sales United Kingdom (BPI)[9] Silver 200,000 sales+streaming figures based on certification only Reference ^ a b Harvest Moon by Neil Young. Song artifacts. Retrieved June 23, 2018. ^ 5. Harvest Moon. Rolling Stone, I'm sorry, June 8th, 2011. Retrieved June 23, 2018. ^ a b Greenwald, Matthew. Harvest Moon - Song Review. Allmusic (allmusic). Retrieved June 23, 2018. ^ Digital Sheet Music – Neil Young – Harvest Moon. Musiconotes.com. Sony/ATV Music Publishing. 2004-04-05. Retrieved June 23, 2018. ^ 100 Greatest Songs. Neil Young. Rolling Stone, I'm sorry, 2014, p. 89. Harvest Moon by Neil Young. Classic Rock Reviews. Retrieved June 23, 2018. ^ RPM Top 100 Singles - February 13, 1993 (PDF). ^ RPM 100 Hit Tracks of 1993 (PDF). Rpm. Retrieved 23 November 2017. ^ English single certification - Neil Young – Harvest Moon. British Phonographic Industry. Retrieved October 6, 2020. Harvest Moon external link (Neil Young's song) on Neil Young's Discogs (release list) - Harvest Moon on YouTube Taken from This story originally appeared in the January 21, 1993 issue of Rolling Stone. Neil Young proves life in rock ∓ Roll can start again at fortysomething. Have you seen Dracula? Neil Young bursts into a big smile over a bowl of postconcruit salad. . they got wind in Dracula it was scary, he said. It's beautiful. That night, on his vintage 1970s tour bus parked outside a Chicago hotel, discussions about growing up in Canada quickly led back, somehow, to the thought of Transylvania. I can't get it out of my mind! Exclaiming young, shaking his hairy head. I have to go back and see him again. Although his hair and large mutton cuts may seem to show more affinity for Werewolves, Neil Young and Count Dracula actually have a staggering amount. Both spend much of their time underground, occasionally appearing with surprising, even surprising results. Both can change styles and personas to get their work done. And - most significantly - the two don't seem to grow older as time goes on. At the age of forty-seven, Young has turned back the full twenty years with his new album, Harvest Moon. But Harvest Moon is more complicated than a simple nostalgic journey or remake. Under pedal steel and Harvest dulcet tones, twenty-six-year-old Young sounded wizened beyond his years when he first faced aging and death. As the days fly by, will we lose our grip? asked with his eerie, pinched voice title track; on an episode of Are You Ready for the Country? He sings: I run to the hangman, and he says, 'It's time to die.' Even Heart of Gold. Young's only Number One single, ended each verse with a tag and I'm getting older. Harvest the Moon, on the other hand, the other, a chronicle of survival, focusing on loss and compromise and the ultimate triumph of being a married father approaching fifty. It's full of bitter tributes to lost friends, dead dogs and love of getting old. What this album is about is this feeling, this ability to survive and go on and grow and be taller than you were before, Young said. It's not just keeping up, it's not just feeling good. It's not just 'I'm still alive at forty-five. You could be more alive. It's not an easy two-decade journey for Young. He has suffered through the deaths of several musicians close to him, from Danny Whitten (guitarist in Crazy Horse, Young's frequent garage-rock collaborator) in 1972 to the passing in 1991 of Steve Lawrence, the saxophonist in his bluesy big band project Bluesnotes. Young went through a period of controversial and artistic content throughout the 1980s, ending in a surreal court battle with Geffen Records, his label at the time, to make the so-called unrepresentative album - to make an album that didn't sound like Neil Young's album, anything that could possibly be meaningful. Most sadly, he has two sons, by two different women, both born with cerebral palsy (he also has an eight-year-old daughter who does not have the condition). Yet Young has managed to produce the most consistently interesting body of work of any musician of his generation. Who else remains so relevant, so vital, so influential in so many musical genres? The last few years in particular - starting with Freedom, in 1989, through the disastrous Ragged Glory (1990) and subsequent tour with Crazy Horse, and continuing with his soaring performances and stealing performances at the Bob Dylan tribute last October and the release of Harvest Moon - have seen Young at artistic peaks, following his own inspiration as usual and emphatically refusing to fall into the oldies act category that has befallen almost everything you've been billed for and having all these experiences, what else is there? Young says about her amazingly graceful rocks ∓mp; maturation rolls. When you're young, you don't have any experience - you're charged, but you're out of control. And if you're old and you're not billed, then all you have are memories. But if you are billed and stimulated by what is happening around you and you also have experience, you know what to appreciate and what to go through. And then you actually set sail. The company's head of marketing for WTTW-TV, a Chicago PBS affiliate, stepped in front of the room in the station's studio. Neil Young will record the first installment of Center Stage, a new series produced by WTTW and VH-1. Station representatives greeted the small crowd, filled with ferrets and kind of local music-biz, and make one request from 200 invited guests or more. Anyone who's got a tie or looks too corporate, he said, could you please let them go? It's important that this looks like a Neil Young crowd. Tje Tje The night, though, at neil young's actual concert in front of real Neil Young fans, there were some ties at home. The owner sits next to the kids in a messy flannel shirt, next to a preppie type in Dockside's, next to a rocker in a leather jacket. Listener Garth Brooks muses with nirvana's head. Woodstock meets Lollapalooza. An aging hipster in a linen jacket shares a joint in the men's room with a freshly rubbed teenager. Can we get it together, can we still stand side by side? Young sang in Harvest Moon From Hank to Hendrix. With the continued fragmentation of pop music audiences, Neil Young's solo concerts are as close to the rock consensus as possible; roll as you will find. They come from everywhere for acoustic things, Young said. They don't meet anywhere else. But once I defined it with a band, I lost half of them and brought in a bunch more extremists from one place or another. It's acoustic. Young has toured off and on for the past year with just a fleet of guitars, a few pianos and one or two banjos, hitting two or three cities at a time and then retreating - like vampires - to his ranch in California for a few weeks. One of the consistent elements in the show is his refusal to use the set list at any time - much to chagrin the center stage film crew, who scramble to shoot Young as he wanders from instrument to instrument, scratching his head and figuring out what he wants to play next. There's a lot of things I get from doing this acoustic thing so I don't get it any other way, Young said. It opens up music and songs and what they're about. Able to pick things up and change them. A band can cover those things. There's nothing worse than walking out and knowing exactly what you're going to do. At this point in my life, I don't need that. The other side of it, of course, is not knowing what the audience will make of the show Neil Young is given. The Center Stage footage was spectacular, with Young offsetting his concerns about the tv's bright lights by digging deeper into the songs. He ended up playing twenty songs, nearly two hours, for a show that would only run half an hour (an hour-long version will appear on PBS next summer). A particularly intense rendition of 1977's Like a Hurricane on pipe organs was the highlight - Young later referred to it as a version of Transyvana, although it actually felt closer to Phantom of the Opera. (Too crazy for VH-1, apparently. The song didn't make the cut for the show.) The concert the next night at the Chicago theater was beautifully restored, however, not a beautiful sight. The crowd was boisterous and vocal from the opening minutes. A couple of times, started playing the song just to cut it short, claiming that she couldn't hear herself. Don't think you, okay? He begged from the stage. But some of you who drink a lot of beer, you know how hard you can compare to this. Finally Finally delivers the largest set of short and kind hits, cutting after about seventy-five minutes. Tonight was the opposite of what I wanted to do at the music level - tonight was survival, he said after the show. But you should be able to read it and roll around with it. I don't have to play sensitive songs while people scream. I play songs for myself, and if I'm distracted by the audience, I'll just stop. Young doesn't bear the malice for the following segment, the bewildering beers on the Allman Brothers T-shirts that turned last winter's appearance at the New York Beacon Theater into a nasty and heated battle between his desire to play new songs that haven't been released and their call for a rock raveup ∓ Roll that familiar. Don't you have a lot of friends like that? he asked. The big guys come out who have a few drinks and just get blown out, but if they don't drink, the mental side of them comes out and they're really real sensitive? They just get so high, they feel it so much, so you think they're alone in their van listening to songs. Harvest Moon may seem like a major concession to Young's longtime fans, but he sees it as a valid experimental enterprise. People have been asking me to do it for twenty years, and I could never figure out what it was in the first place, he said. But when he wrote a stack of new songs and finished some old songs last summer in Colorado, Harvest's voice was what he heard in his head. That's when I found out what I was doing, but only because those songs made me do it, he said. It just happened again, no matter what happened back then. The song You and Me, a quiet paean to domesticity that quotes from the hit Harvest Old Man, is the musical connection between the albums, according to Young. The song started in 1975, but I never finished it. In 1976, [bassist] Tim Drummond heard it and said: 'You have to finish it, man. It's like harvest things, let's do that. And it scares me, I'm scared because of it, because it's like someone said what it was before we did it. I don't want to feel like I'm just filling in the numbers. But along with this new batch of compositions comes a new intro and the last verse, and the twenty-year leap is complete. In a note to his 1978 anthology Decade, Young wrote: 'Heart of Gold' put me in the middle of the road. Travelling there soon became boring so I headed for the gutter. He still expresses an atmosphere about Harvest: When people start asking you to do the same thing over and over again, that's when you know you're too close to something you don't want to be near. could not withstand it against [the Harvest], which I did; it must have had another record depth. But it took me a while to get to that. I just don't want to do the obvious, because it doesn't feel right. Sharpness or prediction will be the last thing Neil Young can be accused of. Young insists that all the different styles he has explored -- His Sixties work with folk-rock pioneer Buffalo Springfield to electro-vocal Trans (1982) which was transformed into a rockabilly of Everyone's Rockin' (1983) - related, that relevance his listeners find in more accessible notes is part of a piece with more bizarre, sometimes incomprehensible things. Deep inside [rock band] The Shocking Pinks or Trans is the same thing people hear now, he said. It's just buried; it's not on the surface. And some of them are more intense than what people are hearing right now. Young also never turned away from any of his musical past. His tour bus, however, still has Buffalo Springfield embedded in the back (making it hard to miss parked outside the stage door after the show). He didn't even rule out another go-round with his group of Crosby, Stills and Nash. I'm good friends with all of them, and we can actually make music together at any time, Young said. If we had the songs and the circumstances were right, we could do something great. I think the potential is still there. Driven, open, restless (he even named the band he took to Europe after Freedom Young and the Restless). Young's primitive guitar screeching voice and yowling voice have served as timeless inspirations for the wandering soul and fuck-ups of generations now. In the 1990s, Neil Young was so anachronistic that he was cutting edge. I love walking, he said when asked what he did during his regular day on tour after a lifetime in the rock business ∓ Roll. Often, I would stop the bus and walk for three or four miles and then let the bus overtake me on the road. Neil Young didn't listen to the notes. I'm more interested in what the music of the day is, obviously over coffee in his Chicago hotel cafe, still wearing the same Chicago Blackhawks T-shirt he wore after the show the night before. If it's on the radio or someone else is playing a recording, that's how I hear the music. That's what I hear in the neighborhood. She had to travel in a wide-open environment indeed, as she casually dropped references to artists ranging from Trisha Yearwood to Pearl Jam, from R.E.M. to Patsy Smyth. She flashed a silly smile on Harvest Moon's sleeves in a fishbone T-shirt. Young discusses music - any music - with unabashed love; it's amazing to hear anyone talk about the band without the slightest attitude or exception. As the man who helped popularize country rock in the Seventies, for example, he maintains that the country's current boom is the result of listeners losing interest in singer-songwriters like himself. I drive away a lot of people by singing so loud and abrasive and feedback and everything, and I'm not the only one did that to them, Young said. Many people turn to the country because it's more like Seventies rock ∓ Roll. Pop and rock have just changed their name to country. Garth Brooks - he's a pop star, what's his name, Bryan Adams. But she sings about things that rural areas, more state values. People like to hear about things they can relate to, not just some kind of antilestyle attitude or whatever. As for rap, bane of the many musical existences of his peers, Young practically jumps out of his chair enthusiastically. I love rap! he states with a sparkle in the familiar and piercing eyes, professing to like Ice-T. It speaks to people on the street. It's a new way to communicate that's so open to saying exactly what the hell is on people's minds in a smart way, a way that you can listen to and move your body. Similar to, like, 'Subterranean Homesick Blues.' Dylan was an early rap. What's the difference? For those who resist the charm of rap, he adds, it's the that will keep the music alive - don't close it because you don't understand it. The new music with the clearest link to Young's work is grungy guitar rock. His turbulent instrumental squalls and Crazy Horse's roaring support - not to mention his flannel-centered wardrobe - echo through the work of rising Seattle stars and various alternative artists from Dinosaur Jr. to the Jayhawks to Matthew Sweet. Many postpunk college guitar bands today claim him as a spiritual godfather; some of them - including Soul Asylum and the Pixies - include Young's songs on The Bridge, a 1989 tribute album. Young hates, however, to take credit as an influence on anyone. It's not me, it's just music, he says with wear. I played it, and they played it. Way's link did it a long time ago. Then Hendrix, now we've got all the grungers and distortion thing. It's just going further and further, which it should be. It's being developed. Not since Young put Johnny Rotten and Elvis in the same song in Rust Never Sleeps in 1979, however, has he embraced the next wave as he did when he brought Sonic Youth on the road with Crazy Horse in 1991. They've got this thing going on that I enjoy, he says of art-punk superheros. It's scotching for me; it was very soothing before I got on stage to hear the feedback through the cement wall. The noisy iconic peaks of two generations take a toll on Young, however. Playing in the middle of a jacked-up guitar blitzkrieg for six months ruined his ears. I was hyperaccurate, he said. I heard everything very loudly. Now it's back to normal, but I still don't like going to hard places. I had to rest for a long time and get it all together. The events were really loud, Young continued. Loud in the way the plane crashed hard, amplified for the sound of that war, that kind of thing. That's what we want. The whole tour was shot through with the spirit of war, which began Young and Crazy Horse are in rehearsal. Most exaggeratedly, Young put a large microphone stand tied with yellow ribbons in the center of the stage and added a blistering version of Blowin' in the Wind to the set. The war really left a mark on me, whispered it back Bus. We played so greedy, so loud, really like bombing. It was like we were there. It was very military sounding sometimes - huge machinery, incredible power and destruction. That's our voice. Young's bitterness over the Gulf war, which lies behind the tracks in Harvest Moon's War of Man, has given way to excitement, tinged with skepticism, about Washington's new administration. It has its comedic side, it says about the Clinton regime, but it's cool that you go to places and a lot of people who work happily. They think that if things don't change soon, at least they've got someone who knows who they are. But, Young added, I always try to get behind the person who steers the ship. That's the kind of guy I'm. It was a similar gesture that produced Young's most famous political statement when he spoke in support of Ronald Reagan in the early Eighties. Despite his primary dissatisfaction with the last twelve years of Republican rule, Young, he doesn't want to recall those opinions. I felt exactly the same as I did when it was going down, he said, narrowing his formidable eyebrows. There are some things Reagan liked. The main component is that people have to talk to each other and help themselves and that the government can't fully take care of them by making a bunch of promises and programs. It can't be done that way for the exception of working together on things like childcare. That's the point - get together, people. Organize your community. I agree with that, Young said. But since I agree with one thing and a similar type of point, then I am a Reagan supporter. It was surprising to some that I could agree with whatever the man was going to say. But I don't like this judgmental and religious thing. My goals don't run along those lines. On stage he may resemble a friendly gas station attendant or a psychopathic lumberjack, while in conversation he looks more like your burnt-out former hippie uncle. However, somewhere along the way, Neil Young has become a model of all that family values must really mean. My family is the unit behind my music and it doesn't impede it, he says. The most beautiful thing about my wife, Pegi, is that she never gets in the way of my music. He has no attitude about any particular kind of music. For him to have an attitude about this or that, then if I get into this kind of music, I think, 'Here at home we have someone who doesn't like this at all.' I never had that with him; there are no such limits. His marriage, his life on the farm with his children and the vintage cars and train sets he collected served as most correct for Young's work. The real music in my life was my family, he said. I don't keep this marriage together just by doing the same thing again that I did when I got married. I don't get pigeons to have only one personality, like A lot of people do. They become someone they're not. And in music, if you do that, you already have it. In Unknown Legend, harvest moon's opening song, Young sings, you know it's not easy/ you have to survive, and the prize endures through difficult times, even tragically evident when she talks about her home life. He spent much of the Eighties struggling to come to terms with his sons' disabilities, and he has said that his anger and frustration and his family's experiences with various rehabilitation programs inspired the work that was venerated and tortured in that era. Today, however, his steep face looks thoughtful and peaceful as his voice is heard on the new album. After helping found Bridge School, outside San Francisco, for physically challenged children like his sons, he now hosts an All-Star benefit each year to raise funds. It is her involvement with her children that now seems to make Young happier and fresher than others. Every year now for my birthday party, we do the same, says Young, beaming. I build fires, arrange all the logs and build them myself. Then after dark, Pegi came out and turned it on. Then the kids came home from school, and we had all their little friends and their parents over. The people who came to my party were chosen because they were the parents of my children's friends. They all came to the fire, and we grilled hamburgers and hot dogs and stuff and sat around the fire. After we had dinner, they went down with marshmallows and they were all toasted marshmallows. So every year at my party, the kids all come. They can't wait. It's like a big day for them. I don't know what that means, but that's us. The solo acoustic performance that began when he wrote the songs for Harvest Moon is over, and so Young says. Harvest Moon is almost a year now, he said. I'm almost done with this. Of course, in 1998 he said he probably wouldn't work with Crazy Horse again, calling their voices a younger kind of music, only to record the magnificent Ragged Glory with them the following year; yes, well, that's typical, he said of certain plan changes. In the meantime, he continues to work on the long-anticipated multi-volume retrospective of his career (plans now call for different configurations depending on how deep you want to get into it) and autobiographies. However, most immediately, Young begins to hear the next sound in his head. He doesn't know what it is yet. He sure had fun playing electric guitar again in Dylan's tribute, but there might be another band, new or old, to work on. The only sure thing is that Time to move on. We were on edge, young said, nodding with a dream. I can feel it coming. It won't take long. Long.

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