

Dan Bern, One Dance

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Because I love you

I get tongue tied around you

I never say smart stuff around you

I never say anything around you

That makes you want to be with me

So, because I love you

I will never be with you

There's plenty other people

Who I always find the words for

That I have the sweet gift of gab for

That I'm magical and good for

Who because I do not love them

Always want to be with me

Everything I say is true

So there's nothing we can do

Then what the Hell I'll say to you

Let me have one dance with you

I recognize the look

In my eyes when I see you

It's the look of one who loves you

Who wants nothing except to be with you

It is not the look that often

Gets returned in kind

Same old tale ain't nothing new

What the Hell's a soul to do

But maybe you can help me through

Giving me one dance with you

One dance with you

Why do all the rules I make

About how to act around other people

Like don't write them private notes

Trying to explain your foolish actions

Like not hanging around

For hours after it's obvious

That your presence ain't desired

Like names are not important

So if someone forgets your name

They're forgetting something intangible

That has nothing to do with you

So it's stupid to feel bad

If someone forgets your name

Why do all the rules I make

About how to act around other people

Always fall by the wayside

When I get around you

There ain't no more carrot stew

That old sky ain't never blue

That's a lie but this is true

All I want's one dance with you

My bed's unmade

My stuff's askew

I ain't heard the dumbest clue

I just want to squeeze on through

By getting one more dance with you

Stick it while there's still some glue

Move that stone while there's a crew

Before I stumble someplace new

Let me have one dance with you

(Talking) Woody Guthrie carves a sign into his guitar that says, "This machine kills fascists." Ani DiFranco says, "Every tool is a weapon if you hold it right." I say, "Here's a monkey wrench; if you bop me on the head long enough, maybe I'll wake up for a second."

One dance with you...

