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ABSTRACT

Both music and poetry are used to describe experiences and communicate feelings. They express feelings or situations that are meaningful to the artists and speak to every level of emotion. I believe all music has expressive power, some musical works reveal this more than others, but all music carries meaning, with each work uniquely expressing that meaning. *Dance With Me Tonight*, a poem by Kristi Day, year unknown, has 12 stanzas. The work is mostly used in weddings and anniversaries. As much as I understood of the author’s work, the piece begins in a minor mood setting to demonstrate the author’s dearest wish to dance with her lover. The music continues and the moods change as the author’s inner mind and struggles change from desperate to hopeful. The music and lyrics together represent the inner voice of the narrator. The tension builds until the final climax in the middle part, and then it slowly releases, changing the mood with a switch to a major key. The music gives both oboe and piano the same significant value as the soprano voice.
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Dance With Me Tonight
for Voice, Oboe and Piano

Music by Yae R. Jeong
Words by Kristi Day

Full Score

Slowly \( \frac{3}{4} = 66 \)

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I want to dance with you for a lifetime

Hold you close to my heart, Stop the hands of time Make the world give us_
Dance With Me Tonight

Ob.

\[\begin{align*}
\text{Ob.} & \quad \text{p} \\
\text{Pno.} & \quad \text{p} \quad \text{mp} \\
\text{Ob.} & \quad \text{mf} \quad \text{mp} \\
\text{Pno.} & \quad \text{mf} \quad \text{mp}
\end{align*}\]

- a little more time
- To feel our bodies close

- swaying together
- To music that only we can hear,
- Letting it sweep us into Heaven
Come, dance with me there.
Expressively $\frac{\text{♩}}{\text{♩}} = 80$

We’ll dance for-ev-er; nev-er let go
Hearts in tune hand to hand,

Build - ing love be-tween us That we bare - ly can stand
Our love will light the way, Come hold me close; dance with me Til the night breaks to day

Can - dies low no bright lights

Dance With Me Tonight
Dance With Me Tonight

Slowly $\frac{4}{4} = 66$

Feel our bodies pressed close

As close as skin to skin, Open your heart to me baby
Come on, let me in
Fill my senses with your rush, Let me taste your deep kiss,

Hold me tightly to your heart
Dance With Me Tonight

Never have I felt like this
Never will I
feel it again
For within your arms I've died,
I've gone to heaven in your love

These are happy tears I've cried
Never have I been so loved

Dance With Me Tonight
Dance With Me Tonight

Or felt so much love for any-one, Dance with me honey Until the night is done

Dance with me until the world is done
can’t resist your charms,
Dance with me
Dance with me and

hold me close

F P
P
P
F P
Dance With Me Tonight

Ob.

Pno.

Let me die within your arms.
Don’t ever let me go Dancing

with you is so right, I will never let you

Dance With Me Tonight
Dance With Me Tonight

Come....

dance with me

to-night.
Dance With Me Tonight
Kristi Day

I want to dance with you for a life time
Hold you close to my heart,
Stop the hands of time
Make the world give us a little more time

To feel our bodies close swaying together
To music that only we can hear,
Letting it sweep us into Heaven
Come, dance with me there

We’ll dance forever; never let go
Hearts in tune hand to hand,
Building love between us
That we barely can stand

Candles low no bright lights
Our love will light the way,
Come hold me close; dance with me
Til the night breaks to day

Feel our bodies pressed close
As close as skin to skin,
Open your heart to me baby
Come on, let me in
Fill my senses with your rush
Let me taste your deep kiss,
Hold me tightly to your heart

Never have I felt like this
Never will I feel it again
For within your arms I’ve died,
I’ve gone to heaven in your love
These are happy tears I’ve cried

Never have I been so loved
Or felt so much love for anyone,
Dance with me honey
Until the night is done

Dance with me until the world is done
I can't resist your charms,

Dance with me
Dance with me and hold me close

Let me die within your arms

Don’t ever let me go
Dancing with you is so right,
I will never let you go
Come.... dance with me tonight.