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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

Slowly \( \frac{1}{4} = 66 \)

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Words by Kristi Day

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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.

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Pno.

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Ob.

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Pno.

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Come, dance with me. there
Expressively $\frac{4}{4} = 80$

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
Dance With Me Tonight

Our love will light the way, Come hold me close; dance with me Til the night breaks to day

Can-dles low no bright lights

Can-dles low no bright lights

Can-dles low no bright lights
Dance With Me Tonight

Ob.

Slowly $\frac{3}{4} = 66$

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
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

Or felt__ so__ much love__ for an-y-one, Dance__ with me__ hon-ey Un- til the night____ is

Dance with me hone-y Un-til the night is

done____ done

Dance with me un-til the world is done
can’t resist your charms,
Dance with me
Dance with me
and

hold me close
Dance With Me Tonight

Ob.

Pno.

Let me die within your arms...
Dance With Me Tonight

Don’t ever let me go Dancing

with you is so right, I will never let you
Dance With Me Tonight

Ob.

Pno.

Come....

dance_______

with me

Ob.

Pno.

to-night._____

Ob.

Pno.

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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.