The dawn light is only
A broken beginning
And down in the courtyard
The toll bell keeps ringing
While she lies there sleeping
The secret is creeping
I should be stealing away

Now the cool morning's cut me
And I'm trying not to feel it
But if she were to wake
Don't think I could conceal it
For the minutes are hanging
And the autumn lights passing
And I should be stealing away

Oh Sweet illusion
You've fooled beggars and kings
I've danced in your moonlight
Sang to your song
But I can't keep a hold of your wings

Our empire has fallen
Our dream has retreated
The lines we held on to
Are all but defeated
The last post's abandoned
Where love was once standing
And I should be stealing away

Oh Sweet illusion
You've fooled beggars and kings
I've danced in your moonlight
Sang to your song
But I can't keep a hold of your wings

I don't want to wait
For the moment you rise
Just to show you
That far away look in my eyes
I'll tell you no lie
I won't kiss you goodbye
I'll just be stealing away