

# Old Flames Can't Hold a Candle to You

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Downtown tonight I saw an old friend someone who  
I used to take comfort from long before I met you  
And I caught a spark from her eyes a forgotten desire  
With a word or a touch I could have rekindled that fire

But old flames can't hold a candle to you  
No one can light up the night like you do  
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Sometimes at night I think of old lovers I've known  
And remember how holding them helped me not feel so alone  
Then I feel you beside me and even their memories are  
gone  
And Like stars in the night lost in the sweet light of  
dawn

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