

## Promenade

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When the dancers took to the promenade  
Well my heart leapt high  
And I was unafraid  
Of the feeling I'd stifled for so many years  
Tell me how do you  
How do you feel  
Well the band took their places and got all in tune  
And then the caller's voice  
Well it rang out beneath the moon  
And then the boys took their girls and they started to reel  
And they were singin' how do you, how do you feel  
And then the people in the town said that they'd call the police  
If we didn't keep down all this disturbin' their peace  
And Officer Black, you know he answered their pleas  
And he ran up on the hill just to see  
Well he hid in the bushes just a stone's throw away  
And then we all saw this change comin' over his face  
But he was bouncin' to the beat and started hoppin' on his heels  
Singin', how do you do, how do you feel  
And then the townspeople asked him if he'd make some arrests  
Could they find peace and quiet so they could go back to bed  
He said if it's peace that you want, you're gonna find it on the hill  
But the silence that you keep is the silence that kills  
So the townspeople all got so uptight and mad  
You know they fired him on the spot  
And then they threw away his badge  
Then they asked him to leave and he said gladly I will  
They said tell us now how do you feel  
He said, when the dancers took to the promenade  
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Of the feeling I'd stifled for so many years  
Tell me how do you, how do you feel