

# The Serpent Said

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In the silence of the night, a serpent shape  
Moves it's way across the stony floor  
In the comfort of your life, the serpent said,  
You know that you could have still more,  
Picture where you want to be  
The door is open wide  
Don't you really want to know?

Don't you want to know how it feels  
To see if it's all worth trying?  
You want to know how it feels

Don't you want to rule the world a little bit,  
Who to help and who to leave to swim?  
You could better everything, the serpent said,  
In your own peculiar way,  
History would honour you  
No matter what you did  
Don't you really want to try?

You want to know how it feels  
And see if it's all worth trying  
You want to know how it could feel,

In the silence of the night, you lie awake,  
Turning over in your mind the words:  
If at first you lack the nerve, the serpent said,  
You could always try again.  
And now left upon your own  
Has nothing changed at all  
Do you really want to know?

You want to know how it feels  
And see if it's all worth trying  
You want to know how it could feel,  
To be the one.