

## DARKEST HOUR

words and music by Arlo Guthrie  
Capo 4th

**C** **Am**  
IT'S THE TENTH OF JANUARY  
**F** **Am**  
AND I STILL AIN'T HAD NO SLEEP  
**F** **F**  
SHE COMES WALTZING IN THE NIGHTTIME  
**G**  
MADE OF WINGS  
**C** **Am**  
SHE IS DRESSED UP LIKE A BANDIT  
**F** **Am**  
WITH A HUNDRED SPARKLING RINGS  
**F** **F** **G**  
LOOKING FOR MY COMPANY TO KEEP  
**F**  
COMING CLOSER TO ME  
**G** **C**  
SHE DOESN'T SAY A WORD  
**F** **G**  
IN THE SHADOW OF THE CARVED ROCK TOWER  
**C** **Am**  
WHERE THE SOUNDS OF THE NIGHT  
**F** **Am**  
WERE THE ONLY THINGS WE HEARD  
**F** **G** **C**  
IN MY DARKEST HOUR

SHE DON'T WANT TO HEAR NO SECRETS  
SHE WOULD GUARANTEE ME THAT  
SHE KNOWS THERE AIN'T NO WORDS  
THAT CAN DESCRIBE HER  
WITH HER WHITE SILK SCARVES  
AND HER BLACK SPANISH HAT  
SHE KNOWS THERE AIN'T NO WAY I CAN DENY HER  
YES HER BLUE VELVET PERFUME  
FILLING UP THE NIGHT  
THE GUARDS ARE ALL ASLEEP  
THAT WATCH THE TOWER  
THE MOON LIGHT HELD HER BREAST  
AS SHE EASILY UNDRRESSED  
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HER FATHER'S IN HIS CHAMBERS WITH HIS  
FRIENDS ALL GATHERED 'ROUND  
THEY ARE PLOTTING THEIR ENEMY'S DEMISE  
WITH THEIR LAST DETAIL DONE  
THEY AWAIT THE COMING SUN

WHILE I AM STARING IN MY LOVER'S EYES  
HER BROTHERS AND HER SISTERS  
ARE ALL THROUGH FOR TONIGHT  
PRETENDING THAT THEY'VE JUST  
COME INTO POWER  
BUT SHE FAR MOST OF ALL, KNOWS THAT THEY  
CAN ONLY FALL  
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HUNGRY WINGS; THEIR MELODIES  
WHILE MY LOVE AWAKENS ME  
IN THE MIDST OF THE SUNBURST FIRST LIGHT  
HER HANDS ARE HOLDING UP THE SKIES  
AS I HID MY OPENED EYES  
EVERY MOVE JUST FOR HERSELF  
AND THAT'S SO RIGHT  
SOON I WENT ALONG MY WAY  
WITH NO WORDS THAT COULD EXPLAIN  
AS SHE BEGAN DESCENDING TO THE TOWER  
HER SAFETY NOW CONCERNS ME  
HER CIRCUMSTANCE TO BLAME  
IN MY DARKEST HOUR

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