

Slow Dance

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Lorna showed me the words of this poem and said, that it would be nice to have a tune for it. I made one up and liked the result. The poem was written in hospital by Carol Maker, a young girl terminally ill with cancer.

G **Em**
Have you ever watched the kids
A **D**
On a merry-go-round?
G **Em**
Or listened to the rain
A **D**
Slapping on the ground?

G **Em**
Ever followed a butterfly's
A **D**
erratic flight?
G **D**
Or gazed at the sun
C **G**
into the fading night?

G **Em**
Chorus: You'd better slow down
A **D**
Don't dance so fast
G **D**
Time is short
C **C/B** **C/A** **G**
The mu - sic won't last.

G **Em**
Do you run through each day
A **D**
On the fly?
G **Em**
When you ask "How are you?"
A **D**
Do you hear the reply?

G **Em**
When the day is done
A **D**
Do you lie in your bed
G **D**
With the next hundred chores
C **G**
Running through your head?

Chorus

G **Em**
Ever told your child
A **D**
We'll do it tomorrow?
G **Em**
And in your haste,
A **D**
Not seen his sorrow?

G **Em**
Ever lost touch
A **D**
Let a good friendship die
G **D**
Cause you never had time
C **G**
To call and say, "Hi"

Chorus

G **Em**
When you run so fast
A **D**
To get some-where
G **Em**
You miss half the fun
A **D**
Of getting there.

G **Em**
When you worry
A **D**
And hurry through your day
G **D**
It's like an un - opened gift -
C **G**
Thrown a - way

G **Em**
Life is not a race
A **D**
Do take it slower
G **D**
Hear the music
C **C/B** **C/A** **G**
Before it is over.