**Scarlet Begonias 🡪 Fire On The Mountain**

E B A

As I was walkin' 'round Grosvenor Square

E B A

Not a chill to the winter but a nip to the air,

A E B A E

From the other direction, she was calling my eye,

A E B A E B

It could be an illusion, but I might as well try, might as well try.

She had rings on her fingers and bells on her shoes.

And I knew without askin' she was into the blues.

She wore scarlet begonias tucked into her curls,

I knew right away she was not like other girls, other girls.

In the thick of the evening when the dealing got rough,

She was too pat to open and too cool to bluff.

As I picked up my matches and was closing the door,

I had one of those flashes I'd been there before, been there before.

F#

Well, I ain't often right but I've never been wrong.

B A E

Seldom turns out the way it does in a song.

F#m

Once in a while you get shown the light

B A E

In the strangest of places if you look at it right.

[Bridge]

E F# A B

Well there ain't nothing wrong with the way she moves,

Scarlet begonias or a touch of the blues.

And there's nothing wrong with the look that's in her eyes,

I had to learn the hard way to let her pass by, let her pass by

The wind in the willow's playin' "Tea for Two";

The sky was yellow and the sun was blue,

Strangers stoppin' strangers just to shake their hand,

Everybody's playin' in the heart of gold band, heart of gold band.

[Outro]

Long distance runner, what you standin' there for?

Get up, get up, get out of the door

Your playin' cold music on the barroom floor

Drowned in your laughter and dead to the core.

There's a dragon with matches that's loose on the town

Take a whole pail of water just to cool him down.

Fire! Fire on the mountain!

Almost ablaze still you don't feel the heat

It takes all you got just to stay on the beat.

You say it's a livin', we all gotta eat

But you're here alone, there's no one to compete.

If mercy's in business, I wish it for you

More than just ashes when your dreams come true.

Fire! Fire on the mountain!

Long distance runner, what you holdin' out for?

Caught in slow motion in a dash for the door.

The flame from your stage has now spread to the floor

You gave all you had, Why you wanna give more?

The more that you give, the more it will take

Till the thin line beyond which you really can't fake.