

NO STRINGS ATTACHED
(For Carolyn, Marilyn and one anonymous)

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(#25)

HIT SONG

1. As you've said, we are only good friends
deflecting much of what is true
as no one knows what love portends —
infecting the tender care of two.
You turn and a stare deep into me
surprised at this inflection
as you agree, we are both free
to dare to share our affection.
Suddenly you find your heart surrounded;
astounded by the love we've hatched
as I whisper in gasping breaths of passion, "I love you"
— Hey, hey, it's okay, there are no strings attached.

[DOUBLE TURNAROUND]

2. *You know* no one has ever loved you
like you've only sensed how it seems
when at the peak of your passion
not a thing could muffle your screams.
Where delight pours out flowing like a river
gushing in impassioned streams
and the slightest touch makes your whole frame quiver
more real than you feel in your dreams.
If I show you in that everlasting moment
I can give you this love unmatched
don't withdraw like a frightened child
— as if it can't be reconciled
with my promise that there'll be no strings attached.

[INSTRUMENTAL]

3. It was you who, with alerted senses,
assured the way to your heart was barred
with those classic and well-worn defenses
— Oh but I, the surprise wild card !
Who'd have ever guessed how intense you'd be blessed ?
With my love, once you finally let it in
past your fear of strings and baggage it brings
mixed with tears as if the cardinal sin.
But the unleashed danger, from love, the great changer
threatens even while my bags are packed
as you fight the urge to cave
while you crave and want to save
the strings of your love attached,
of love's surprise: the surprise of love — intact.

[INSTRUMENTAL, FADEOUT]

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