

TEN CIRCLES DANCE

By Richard Paul

Gather every soul you can then find a private place,

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Take with you the ten good staves,

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And wood to feed a princely blaze

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And songs to last a merry day

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And strength to shove the pains away.

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CHORUS

For the time has come for the Ten Circles Dance,

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For the joy of the moment, here is your chance,

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Now quickly, now quickly, all must be done,

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Make ready, make ready, we start with the sun.

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CHORUS END

Pen the wood with stones and set the flames where you have space,

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Drive each stave into the ground,

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So a circle rings around,

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Then let vibrant music sound,

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Your every grief so to confound.

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(CHORUS)

And with the foremost wisp of summer sunlight's grace,

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In each circle, through the day,

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And 'neath the full moon's silver rays,

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In every circle some must stay,

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To dance till night has gone away.

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(CHORUS)

Let no single circle empty through the day's long pace,

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Once a dancer needs to rest

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Let others come to dance their best,

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Let all the day be one mad jest,

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Let simple pleasure be the quest.

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(CHORUS)

And when at last the blessed day's sad end you face,

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Leave no sign that you were there,

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Revel in the day you've shared

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With the souls from grimness spared

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Who such a merry madness dared.

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(CHORUS)

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