

## HELPLESSLY HOPING by Crosby, Stills, and Nash

VIDEO: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BdBs7JFn9Pk>

INTRO: Am7 C G D

Am7 C  
Helplessly hoping her harlequin hovers  
G D  
nearby Awaiting a word

Am7  
Grasping at glimpses  
C  
Of gentle true spirit  
G D  
He runs, wishing he could fly -y  
Am7 C G D  
Only to trip at the sound of good-bye

Am7 C  
Wordlessly watching He waits by the window  
G D  
And wonders At the empty place inside

Am7 C  
Heartlessly helping himself to her bad dreams  
G D Am7 C G G  
He worries: Did he hear a Good-bye -y? Or even hello?

G G  
They are one person They are two alone  
G G7 C G  
They are three together They are for each other

Am7 C  
Stand by the stairway You'll see something Certain  
G D  
to tell you Confusion has its cost

Am7 C  
Love isn't lying It's loose in a lady who  
G D  
Lingers, Saying she is lost

Am7 C G  
And choking on hello  
G G  
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[Below: Additional, ending lyrics you may wish to consider adding to your live performance, plus perhaps, some from your own life's hard-learned lessons:]

**Am7** He asks her to promise a **C** life without drama

**G** She stutters, and mumbles her **D** reply:

**Am7** No, oh my darling but **C** I'm just not ready  
**G** For *Grayness*, ...this is my **D** goodbye-y-y

**Am7** Even so, her soul wonders **C** why-y-y **G** **D**

**Am7** Each one is yearning, and **C** both are so burning

**G** For love --- they never seem to **D** find.

**Am7** They go on seeking that **C** lost loving feeling  
**G** They once had, in a **D** different state of mind.

**C** Oh, Darling, ...Sweet **C** Darling, --- ...change your **G** mind.

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**Other Helplessly Hoping Videos:**

<https://tinyurl.com/uabf5jwy>  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6pmUabQaVvA> [Suddenly Years Align]

<https://tinyurl.com/4hua9syz>  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AaqTl1jLdkE> [Foxes and Fossils]

<https://tinyurl.com/2bv8meww>  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1Z0Hhse-b0U> [The Other Favorites]

<https://tinyurl.com/58mcm57u>  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ejv3mEHPIs4> [Karaoke version]

<https://tinyurl.com/y23sdz99>  
[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0BUwOu\\_4de4](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0BUwOu_4de4) [Lap Steel Guitar]

<https://tinyurl.com/47kaz3vk>  
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