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### Shadow of the Nighttime

**Bm** **F#7**  
Through the forest he is stealing as the sun's light slips away;  
**A** **G** **F#** **F#7 Bm**  
The shadow of the nighttime steals the day.

**Bm** **F#7**  
He is kissing and caressing as he calls to us to stay,  
**A** **G** **F# F#7 Bm**  
And the shadow of the nighttime has his way.

**Bm** **F#m** **G**  
We can camp here in the clearing, love, with tall trees all around.  
**G** **F#m** **G**  
We can build the fire high with all the dead wood that we've found.  
**G** **D** **C**  
We can sleep together side-by-side and waken safe and sound.  
**C** **A** **G** **F# F#7 Bm**  
And the shadow of the nighttime makes no sound.

Faintest moonlight through the treetops - hear the hooting of the owl,  
As the shadow of the nighttime dons his cowl.  
The fire is burning lower as the wolf begins to howl  
And the shadow of the nighttime starts to prowl.

The wood is almost gone - it will not last until the day,  
But the fire's soft glowing embers will keep all the wolves away,  
So come lie here by my side, my love, together we will stay  
Till the shadow of the nighttime fades away.

She stares into the darkness - does she hear me speak at all?  
And the shadow of the nighttime starts to call.  
She steps out of the circle where the fire's light does not fall  
And the shadow of the nighttime's growing tall.

I shout, I swear, I follow her out past the fire's glow.  
I can't find her with the moonlight, but my heart still cries to know  
What it was in light or darkness that made her want to go.  
And the shadow of the nighttime's laughing low.

The dawn is gently breaking - till the morning now I've cried.  
Till the shadow of the nighttime went to hide.  
And I trust my heart no longer, for it tells me that it lied  
With the shadow of the nighttime locked inside.