

## Dancing in the Dark

(Bruce Springsteen)

[Verse 1]

I get up in the evening  
And I ain't got nothing to say  
I come home in the morning  
I go to bed feeling the same way  
I ain't nothing but tired  
Man, I'm just tired and bored with myself  
Hey there baby, I could use just a little help

[Chorus 1]

You can't start a fire  
You can't start a fire without a spark  
This gun's for hire  
Even if we're just dancing in the dark

[Verse 2]

Message keeps getting clearer  
Radio's on and I'm moving 'round the place  
I check my look in the mirror  
I wanna change my clothes, my hair, my  
face  
Man, I ain't getting nowhere  
I'm just living in a dump like this  
There's something happening somewhere  
Baby, I just know that there is

[Chorus 1]

You can't start a fire  
You can't start a fire without a spark  
This gun's for hire  
Even if we're just dancing in the dark

[Bridge]

You sit around getting older

There's a joke here somewhere and it's on  
me  
I'll shake this world off my shoulders  
Come on, baby, the laugh's on me

[Verse 3]

Stay on the streets of this town  
And they'll be carving you up all right  
They say you gotta stay hungry  
Hey, baby, I'm just about starving tonight  
I'm dying for some action  
I'm sick of sitting 'round here trying to  
write this book  
I need a love reaction  
Come on now, baby, gimme just one look

[Chorus 2]

You can't start a fire  
Sitting 'round crying over a broken heart  
This gun's for hire  
Even if we're just dancing in the dark  
You can't start a fire  
Worrying about your little world falling  
apart  
This gun's for hire  
Even if we're just dancing in the dark

[Outro]

Even if we're just dancing in the dark  
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Hey, baby

"Dancing in the Dark" is a song written and performed by American rock singer Bruce Springsteen. Adding uptempo synthesizer riffs to his sound for the first time, the song spent four weeks at number two on the Billboard Hot 100 and sold over one million singles in the U.S. It was the first single released from his 1984 album *Born in the U.S.A.*; it became his biggest hit and helped to propel the album to become the best-selling album of his career.

The song is written in the key of B major with a tempo of 149 beats per minute in common time. Springsteen's vocals span from G#4 to G#5.

In a first-for-Springsteen effort to gain dance and club play for his music, Arthur Baker created the 12-inch "Blaster Mix" of "Dancing in the Dark", wherein he reworked the album version. The remix was released on July 2, 1984. The result generated a lot of media buzz for Springsteen, as well as actual club play; the remix went to #7 on the Billboard Hot Dance Music/Club Play chart, and had the most sales of any 12-inch single in the United States in 1984.