

BREAD & BONES

Lyrics from Richard Ruane's recording *Things That Strangers Say*

Bartender

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The moon it's shining out tonight,
It's as bright as it can be,
But its light it will not penetrate a wall,
Or shine down on these tables on to me.
Oh, tonight I'm drinking whiskey.
Oh, tonight it's beer here, too.
Anything that can take me for a ride,
Take me for a ride just like you.

Tell the bartender I'm fading.
Tell the bartender it's true.
Tell the bartender I'm fading,
Because of you.

I just want a love to call me by my name,
Who will love me for myself,
And when she turns to look me in the eye,
Isn't glancing, glancing to someone else.
I once stood as tall as any man can stand,
As any man now standing,
And I swore not a thing could drag me down,
Then I was abandoned.

Tell the bartender I'm fading.
Tell the bartender it's true.
Tell the bartender I'm fading,
Because of you.