

## 7. “When I Need You at My Side”

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Anne: You don't have to flatter me with gold and silver rings  
It doesn't really matter if you buy me fancy things  
*(Spoken.)* Well, maybe just a few  
There's no need to take me for your bride  
Just be there when I need you at my side

Jack: I don't mind if you laugh at me when I begin to boast  
Believe me, you don't have to say I'm handsomer than most  
*(Spoken.)* Though you know it's true  
I'll be there whenever you decide  
That you really need me at your side

Anne: I'm not inclined to be untrue  
*(Spoken.)* Oh, really?

Jack: But if occasion'llly I do  
When all is said and done you know that I'm the only one  
Who'll come and hold you when you need me to

Anne: It's nice to know you think of me, at least from time to time  
And care to share a drink with me if you would be so kind  
To both our natures we're resigned  
Just be there when I need you at my side

Both: Both you and me, we need to be free  
To go where the wind will blow

Anne: But though we may part, there's still in my heart  
One thing I need to know

They say that I'm a strong one who is never moved to tears  
But when the night's a long one I still have my doubts and fears  
So if I feel the need to run and hide  
Afraid to face the rising of the tide  
That is when I'll need you most  
I need to know that you'll be close

Jack: Don't worry, I will be there at your side