

# ***Stairway to Heaven***

by: Led Zeppelin

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The lyrical inspiration came to Robert Plant as he stared into a camp fire while Jimmy Page played the chords on his guitar. ... during his quest for Spiritual Perfection.

Pay attention to the imagery in this song as it is described for you.

**There's a lady who's sure  
all that glitters is gold  
And she's buying a stairway to heaven.  
When she gets there she knows,  
if the stores are all closed  
With a word she can get  
what she came for.  
Ooh, ooh, and she's buying  
a stairway to heaven.**

**imagery:  
"Woman who gets everything she wants  
without giving anything back." --R. Plant**

**There's a sign on the wall  
but she wants to be sure  
'Cause you know sometimes  
words have two meanings.  
In a tree by the brook,  
there's a songbird who sings,  
Sometimes all of our thoughts are misgiven.  
Ooh, it makes me wonder,  
Ooh, it makes me wonder.**

**imagery:  
Is she really getting what she  
thinks she's getting?**

**There's a feeling I get  
when I look to the west,  
And my spirit is crying for leaving.**

**imagery:  
Our spirits crave immortality.**

**In my thoughts I have seen  
rings of smoke through the trees,  
And the voices of those who stand looking.  
Ooh, it makes me wonder,  
Ooh, it really makes me wonder.**

**imagery:  
We're easily attracted to things that  
aren't really as good as they look.**

**And it's whispered that soon  
if we all call the tune  
Then the piper will lead us to reason.  
And a new day will dawn  
for those who stand long  
And the forests will echo with laughter.**

**imagery:  
The time is coming when those who  
persevere in standing for what  
is right will be rewarded.**

**If there's a bustle in your hedgerow,  
don't be alarmed now,  
It's just a spring clean for the May Queen.**

**imagery:  
A reference to virtue and purity.**

**Yes, there are two paths you can go by,  
but in the long run  
There's still time to change  
the road you're on.  
And it makes me wonder.**

**imagery:  
Unrest in your spirit may be the  
awakening of your conscience to  
the choice you need to make  
between right and wrong.**

**Your head is humming and it won't go,  
in case you don't know,  
The piper's calling you to join him,  
Dear lady, can you hear the wind blow,  
and did you know  
Your stairway lies on the whispering wind.**

**imagery:  
Often others can see the choice we  
need to make better than we can.**

**And as we wind on down the road  
Our shadows taller than our souls.**

**imagery:  
The circumstances and problems of life  
complicate our decisions.**

**There walks a lady we all know  
Who shines white light and wants to show  
How everything still turns to gold.  
And if you listen very hard  
The truth will come to you at last.**

**imagery:  
Listen carefully to discern  
the truth, because the lies are always  
there to deceive you.**

**When all are one and one is all  
To be a rock and not to roll.**

**imagery:  
At some point you need to take a  
stand for truth and do what's right.**

**And she's buying a stairway to heaven.**

**imagery:  
Obtaining your heart's desire  
may not lead to  
the satisfaction you seek.**