

"Don't Shut Me Down" ABBA 2021

A while ago I heard the sound of children's laughter  
Now it's quiet, so I guess they left the park  
This wooden bench is getting harder by the hour  
The sun is going down, it's getting dark

I realise I'm cold  
The rain begins to pour  
As I watch the windows on the second floor  
The lights are on, it's time to go  
It's time at last to let him know

I believe it would be fair to say  
You look bewildered  
And you wonder why I'm here today  
And so you should, I would  
When I left I felt I'd had enough  
But in the shape and form I appear now  
I have learned to cope  
And love and hope is why I am here now

And now you see another me, I've been reloaded, yeah  
I'm fired up, don't shut me down  
I'm like a dream within a dream that's been decoded  
I'm fired up, I'm hot, don't shut me down

I'm not the one you knew  
I'm now and then combined  
And I'm asking you to have an open mind  
I'm not the same this time around  
I'm fired up, don't shut me down

Will you leave me standing in the hall  
Or let me enter?  
The apartment hasn't changed at all  
I got to say I'm glad  
Once these rooms were witness to our love  
My tantrums and increasing frustration  
But I go from mad  
To not so bad in my transformation

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You asked me not to leave  
Well, here I am again  
And I love you still and so I won't pretend  
I have learned to cope  
And love and hope is why I am here now