

# Dancing Through Life

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Fiyero

The trouble with schools is  
They always try to teach the wrong lesson  
Believe me, I've been kicked out  
Of enough of them to know  
They want you to become less callow  
Less shallow  
But I say: why invite stress in?  
Stop studying strife  
And learn to live "the unexamined life"...

Dancing through life  
Skimming the surface  
Gliding where turf is smooth  
Life's more painless  
For the bainless  
Why think too hard?  
When it's so soothing  
Dancing through life  
No need to tough it  
When you can sluff it off as I do  
Nothing matters  
But knowing nothing matters  
It's just life  
So keep dancing through...

Dancing through life  
Swaying and sweeping  
And always keeping cool  
Life is faught less  
When you're thoughtless  
Those who don't try  
Never look foolish  
Dancing through life  
Mindless and careless  
Make sure you're where less  
Trouble is rife  
Woes are fleeting  
Blows are glancing  
When you're dancing  
Through life...  
So-what's the most swankified place in town?

Galinda

That would be the Ozdust Ballroom.

Fiyero

Sounds perfect.

Let's go down to the Ozdust Ballroom  
We'll meet there later tonight  
We can dance till it's light  
Find the prettiest girl...  
Give her a whirl  
Right on down to the Ozdust Ballroom  
Come on-Follow me  
You'll be happy to be there...

Students

Dancing Through Life  
Down at the Ozdust...

Fiyero  
If only because dust  
Is what we come to

Students  
Nothing matters  
But knowing nothing matters  
It's just life...

Fiyero  
So keep dancing through...

Boq  
Miss Galinda—I hope you'll save at least one dance for  
me. I'll be right here. Waiting. All night.

Galinda  
Oh—that's so kind. But you know what would be even  
kinder?  
See that tragic'ly beautiful girl  
The one in the chair  
It seems so unfair  
We should go on a spree  
And not she  
Gee—  
I know someone would be my hero  
If that someone were  
To go invite her...

Boq  
Well maybe, I could invite her?

Galinda  
Oh, Bick, really?  
You would do that for me?

Boq  
I would do anything for you Miss Galinda.

Galinda  
So...

Fiyero  
So I'll be picking you up around eight?

Galinda  
After all—  
Now that we've met one another

Galinda & Fiyero  
It's clear we deserve each other

Galinda  
You're perfect...

Fiyero  
You're perfect...

Galinda & Fiyero  
So we're perfect together

Born to be forever...  
Dancing Through Life...

Nessarose  
Oh, Elphaba-Isn't it wonderful?  
Fin'lly for this one night  
I'm about to have a fun night  
With this Munchkin boy  
Galinda found for me  
And I only wish there were  
Something I could do for her  
To repay her  
Elphaba, see  
We deserve each other  
And Galinda helped it come true  
We deserve each other  
Me and Boq -  
Elphaba, please try to understand.

Elphaba  
I do...  
Galinda, listen. Nessa and I were talking about you  
just now.

Galinda  
And I was just talking about you. I thought you might  
want to wear this hat to the party tonight!  
It's really-uh-sharp  
Don't you think?  
You know-black is this year's pink  
You deserve each other  
This hat and you  
You're both so smart  
You deserve each other  
So here  
Out of the goodness of my heart

Boq  
Listen-Nessa-

Nessarose  
Yes?

Boq  
Uh, Nessa.  
I've got something to confess, a  
Reason why, well-  
Why I asked you here tonight  
Now I know it isn't fair...

Nessarose  
Oh, Boq. I know why.

Boq  
You do?

Nessarose  
It's because I'm in this chair  
And you felt sorry for me  
Well-isn't that right?

Boq  
No! no! It's because...because...

Because you are so beautiful

Nessarose

Oh, Boq! I think you're wonderful!  
And we deserve each other  
Don't you see, this is our chance?  
We deserve each other  
Don't we, Boq?

Boq

You know what?  
Let's dance!

Nessarose

What?

Boq

Let's Dance!

Students

Dancing Through Life  
Down at the Ozdust  
If only because dust  
Is what we come to  
And the strange thing:  
You're life could up changing  
While you're dancing  
Through!