

TUNE INTO ENGLISH

Måneskin's Beggin'

Uno dei primi successi in lingua inglese del guartetto romano è questa versione che prende spunto da un'altra versione di una canzone degli anni Sessanta, dal testo disperato, che i Måneskin interpretano in chiave rock.



ou probably know that Måneskin's track Beggin' is a cover, but did you know that the original is over fifty years old? It was, in fact, a hit single for American soul group Frankie Valli and The Four Seasons back in 1967, forty years before Norwegian group Madcon turned it into a huge 4 hip-hop success in 2007. Fast-forward⁵ ten years to 2017 and Rome band Måneskin were contestants on the Italian edition of the X-Factor talent show. One of their performances was a rock version of the Madcon hit, which they then recorded for their debut EP Chosen. They finished the show in second place, but victory awaited⁶ them at the Sanremo Music Fes-

in fifty-four countries were watching. Suddenly the group were international superstars. Beggin' went viral on TikTok and topped the Spotify global chart.

Lyrically the song is a heartfelt 11 plea 12 to the singer's ex-romantic partner to return to him, using the present continuous "I'm beggin" and the imperative "put" in the chorus. When the couple were together, he ignored his partner's warning 13 not to walk away, only later to realise 14 that being alone, his life has lost 15 its meaning. There is a barrage¹⁶ of questions as he pleads with 17 his loved one to return. 8



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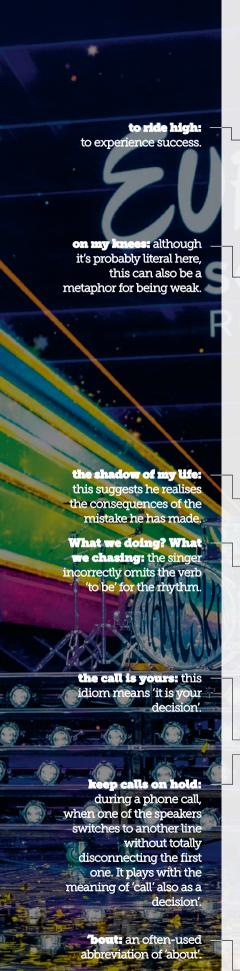


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☐ GLOSSARY

- 1 track: brano
- 2 to bea: supplicare
- 3 back in: nel lontano
- 4 huge: enorme
- 5 to fast-forward: mandare avanti
- **6 to await:** aspettare
- 7 contest: competizione
- 8 viewers: spettatori
- 9 suddenly: improvvisamente
- 10 to top: essere in cima
- 11 heartfelt: accorato
- 12 plea: appello
- 13 to warn: avvisare
- **14 to realise**: rendersi conto
- 15 to lose: perdere
- **16 barrage:** raffica
- 17 to plead with: supplicare
- **18 to bleed:** sanguinare
- 19 empty shell: guscio vuoto
- 20 to hang over: pendere su
- 21 to embrace: accogliere, accettare
- 22 to attach: attaccare
- 23 to fade to black: fare una dissolvenza



Put your loving hand out, baby 'Cause I'm beggin'

(Chorus)

I'm beggin', beggin' you So, put your loving hand out, baby I'm beggin', beggin' you So, put your loving hand out, darling

Riding high, when I was king

I played it hard and fast, 'cause I had everything I walked away, but you warned me then But easy come, and easy go, and it would end

So, any time I bleed 18, you let me go Yeah, any time I feed, you get me know Any time I seek, you let me know But I plan and see, just let me go

I'm on my knees while I'm beggin' 'Cause I don't want to lose you Hey yeah, ratatata

'Cause I'm beggin', beggin' you And put your loving hand out, baby I'm beggin', beggin' you And put your loving hand out, darling

I need you to understand Tried so hard to be your man The kind of man you want in the end Only then can I begin to live again

An empty shell 19 I used to be

The shadow of my life was hanging over 20 me

A broken man

That I don't know

Won't even stand the devil's chance to win my soul

What we doing? What we chasing?

Why the bottom? Why the basement?

Why we got good shit, don't embrace²¹ it? Why the feel for the need to replace me?

You're the wrong way track from the good

I want to paint a picture telling where we could be at Like a heart ain't attached²² the way it should You can give it away, you had, and you took the pay

But I keep walking on Keep opening doors Keep hoping for That the call is yours

Keep calls on hold 'Cause I don't wanna live in a broken home Girl, I'm begging

Mmm, ye-e-e-ah I'm beggin', beggin' you So, put your loving hand out, baby I'm beggin', beggin' you So, put your loving hand out, darling

I'm fighting hard To hold my own Just can't make it all alone I'm holding on I can't fall back

(Chorus)

I'm just a calm 'bout to fade to black²³

something that is achieved easily is also lost as easily.

the devil's chance: no chance.

wrong way track: to be 'on the wrong track' means to do something in a way that will bring bad results

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