**[Verse 1]**  
[I was scared of dentists and the dark  
I was scared of pretty girls and starting conversations](https://genius.com/Vance-joy-riptide-lyrics#note-2348456)  
[Oh, all my friends are turning green  
You're the magician's assistant in their dreams](https://genius.com/Vance-joy-riptide-lyrics#note-2348448)  
  
[Oh, and they come unstuck](https://genius.com/Vance-joy-riptide-lyrics#note-4256192)  
  
**[Chorus 1]**  
[Lady, running down to the riptide  
Taken away to the dark side](https://genius.com/Vance-joy-riptide-lyrics#note-2891494)  
[I wanna be your left hand man](https://genius.com/Vance-joy-riptide-lyrics#note-2359339)  
[I love you when you're singing that song and  
I got a lump in my throat cause  
You're gonna sing the words wrong](https://genius.com/Vance-joy-riptide-lyrics#note-2348452)  
  
**[Verse 2]**  
[There's this movie that I think you'll like  
This guy decides to quit his job and heads to New York City  
This cowboy's running from himself](https://genius.com/Vance-joy-riptide-lyrics#note-3956924)  
[And she's been living on the highest shelf](https://genius.com/Vance-joy-riptide-lyrics#note-3957096)  
  
[Oh, and they come unstuck](https://genius.com/Vance-joy-riptide-lyrics#note-3957030)  
  
**[Chorus 2]**  
[Lady, running down to the riptide  
Taken away to the dark side](https://genius.com/Vance-joy-riptide-lyrics#note-2891494)  
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**[Bridge]**  
[I just wanna, I just wanna know  
If you're gonna, if you're gonna stay  
I just gotta, I just gotta know  
I can't have it, I can't have it any other way  
I swear she's destined for the screen  
Closest thing to Michelle Pfeiffer that you've ever seen, oh](https://genius.com/Vance-joy-riptide-lyrics#note-2359340)  
  
  
  
  
  
  
**[Chorus 3]**  
[Oh lady, running down to the riptide  
Taken away to the dark side](https://genius.com/Vance-joy-riptide-lyrics#note-2891494)  
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