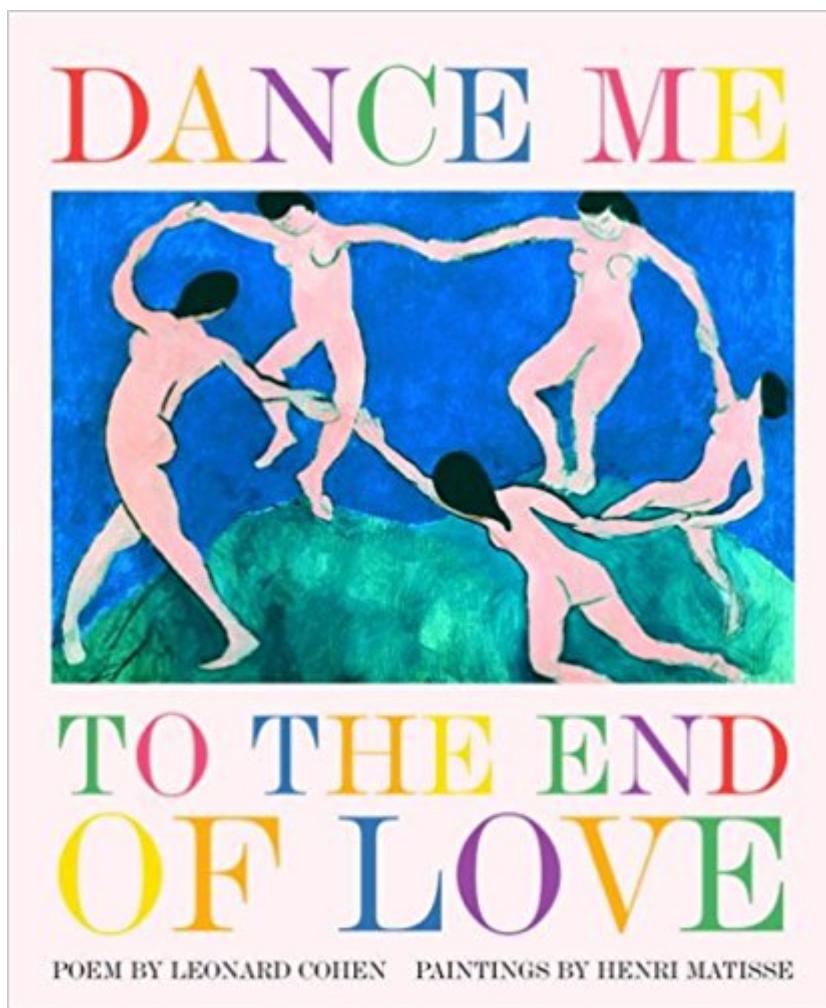


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# Dance Me To The End Of Love (Art & Poetry)



## Synopsis

10 years ago, Welcome Books published the star of its Art & Poetry Series, *Dance Me to the End of Love*, a deliriously romantic song by Leonard Cohen that was brilliantly visualized through the sensual paintings of Henri Matisse. Now for its 10-year anniversary, Welcome is thrilled to present the entirely re-imagined and redesigned *Dance Me to the End of Love*. With the art of Matisse and the words of Cohen still at the heart of the book, the new look and feel of this Art & Poetry book is overwhelmingly beautiful. Cohen's song is a lyrical tribute to the miracle of love, the grace it bestows on us and its healing, restorative power. Originally recorded on his *Various Positions* album, and featured in Cohen's anthology, *Stranger Music*, this poetic song is gloriously married to the art works by Henri Matisse, perhaps the greatest artist of the twentieth century. "I had this dance within me for a long time," Matisse once said in describing one of his murals. *Dance Me to the End of Love* is the perfect book for art lovers, song lovers, and all other lovers as well.

## Book Information

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## Customer Reviews

The Canadian songwriter Leonard Cohen, known primarily for his mournful tunes of love misplaced, has produced a surprising message of hopeful passion in this playful picture book for grownups in love. The 21 Matisse illustrations sprawl luxuriously across the pages. Art, poetry, and the suggestion of erotic delights... what more can a lover ask? --This text refers to an alternate Hardcover edition.

Leonard Cohen's artistic career began in 1956 with the publication of his first book of poetry, *Let Us Compare Mythologies* (just reissued). He has published two novels, *The Favourite Game* and *Beautiful Losers*, and ten books of poetry, most recently *Stranger Music: Selected Poems and Songs* and *Book of Longing*. He has to date made seventeen albums, the latest being *Dear Heather*. Numerous tribute albums, in many languages, have celebrated his songs. He divides his time between Los Angeles and Montreal. From the Trade Paperback edition.

Beautiful book that artfully depicts one of my favorite songs from Leonard Cohen. When I first heard this song while watching the movie *Dancing at the Blue Iguana*, it opened my world to Leonard Cohen. Now, I collect all things Cohen and this is a wonderful addition to my collection. Artwork by Henri Matisse. Lovely.

Well, if you love Matisse and you love Leonard, what else is there to say. This book makes me smile every time I open it.

Leonard Cohen's poem/song *Dance Me to the End of Love* is absolutely stunning. Matisse is a perfect match for Cohen's words. Matisse's images have been set against poetry before, in the book *Jazz* for example...and some of those same images appear here, with symbolic meanings of their own--I wonder if these meanings were known when the book was compiled? For example, Matisse's *The Clown's Funeral* matched with *Dance me to the wedding...* If you know Matisse's use of red paint for the clown's heart represents the belief that the spirit of love and creativity lives beyond physical being on earth, the meaning is enriched poetically as well as visually. But it all works even if the viewer doesn't know Matisse's touching concept. It is a remarkably beautiful book both poetically and artistically. Thank you Leonard and Henri for understanding love.

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This book is beautiful, that's all I really need to say about it! I bought it for a wedding gift, and was concerned it would be more of a book for a small child. It is definitely for everyone. My small children enjoyed it, and I enjoyed reading the poem with the beautiful, colorful Matisse artworks almost illustrating each line. It really is a nice, affordable and thoughtful wedding gift.

great LEONARD COHEN song!great HENRY MATISSE art!great together as book!

My daughters favorite story time book. We used to sing it and look at the art before bedtime. She's 17 now and it's a keepsake. Also a beautiful gift for that romantic love in your life.

Beautiful book for the whole family .

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