

## After All These Years

Ethel Waters

We've loved each other since we went to school,  
But just the same, you're acting cool,  
All these years, we've gambled in the game,  
To lose you now, would be a shame  
Don't say you don't want me,  
Don't say you're going away,  
For if you do, it will haunt me,  
And you'll be sorry some day,  
We've been through all kinds of weather,  
Yet we've been happy together,  
You said you'd love me forever,  
And I believed you were true, yes, I believed in you.

I know I'm going to miss you  
When some trouble appears,  
I'll long to fondle and kiss you,  
And drive away your fears,  
Oh, don't you abuse me,  
Please don't refuse me,  
Say you don't want to lose me,  
After all of these years.  
Oh, don't abuse me,  
Please don't refuse me,  
Say you can't stand to lose me,  
After all of these years.