

Dear Billy

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Dear Billy, how are you?
I hope you are well
The flowers are blooming
The plants, I can't really tell
I see by your letter
You have no intent to come home
So I'll take the house and the kid
And make out on my own

Dear Billy, I'm trying to say what I feel
But the feelings are locked up in pain
I hope you're enjoying whatever it is
You are doing with whoever's name
Well, the night it runs cold
And it chills to the soul
But you wouldn't know, what's the use
It's all one to me, so go ahead and be free
After all, you've got nothing to lose

I still go to school
And the kid, she goes too
We're learning to silence the fear
That no one is here
She calls me Dear
And I wait for you
What else can I do?
No, nothing has changed
It all stays the same
We all remain ever faithful
And somewhat confused
Except maybe you
Who threw the harpoon
Are you coming home soon?

Dear Billy, please send my regards to your lady
I wish her well
And I hope that one day
We will meet on the far side of hell
Well, the sun's got the moon
And the writer his tune
But I never had nothing 'cept you
On the day that you die
I will sing lullabies
In the hope that you got yours, too