

## First Boy I Loved

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First boy I loved  
Time has come I will sing you  
this sad goodbye song  
When I was seventeen, I used to know you  
Well, I haven't seen you, many is the short year  
And the last time I seen you  
You said you'd joined the Church of Jesus  
Well me, I remember your long red hair falling in our faces  
As you kissed me  
And I want you to know, I just had to go  
I want you to know, we just had to grow  
And you're probably married now  
House and car and all  
And you turned into a grownup male stranger  
And if I was lying with you now  
I'd just have to fall

We parted so hard  
Me, rushing round Britain with a guitar  
Making love to people  
That I didn't even like to see  
Well, I would think of you  
Yes, I mean in the sick sad morning  
And in the lonely midnight

Try to hold your face before me

And I want you to know, I just had to go  
And I want you to know, we just had to grow  
And you're probably married now, kids and all  
And you turned into a grownup male stranger  
And if I was lying with you now  
I wouldn't be here at all

I never slept with you  
But we must have made love a thousand times  
For we were just young, didn't have no place to go  
Yet in the wide hills and by many a long water  
You have gathered flowers, and did they not smell for me?  
And I want you to know, we just had to grow  
And I want you to know, I just had to go

So it's goodbye first love  
And I hope you are fine  
I am a sweet man's woman  
Maybe some day to have babies by  
He's a true friend of mine