

# Al Stewart, Where Are They Now

I sent my crack divisions through the early morning mist  
When they fell on your positions you were powerless to resist  
Encircling and probing for the weakness in your line  
By night you were surrounded; your territory mine  
I called for your surrender; this you swore you would not do  
So I stormed the very fortress, you thought could shelter you  
I held you then upon your knees and turned to give my thanks  
To the regiments assembled in their ranks

Chorus:  
Where are they now?  
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I raised you to your feet, with your hand inside my own  
We set off upon a journey, each together, each alone  
In the days that followed oh our lives did overlap  
I learned the contours of your body like the roads upon a map  
You sweetened every evening, I savoured every day  
Just when I was certain it would always be this way  
You slipped beyond the reach of my outstretched fingertips  
With all the kisses we'd placed upon your lips

Chorus

Oh close. You're close  
Someone, come shine a light  
Oh near. So near  
But just out of sight

I went in search of alchemy to resurrect the dead  
Sent my spies to fathom out the secrets in your head  
They said they heard your laughter  
Spinning through the summer night  
In the company of strangers  
And your eyes were wild and bright  
Though I grew reclusive and my days became withdrawn  
I held the banner of our love, now tattered and forlorn  
And swore that it would one day fly above us once again  
To do this, I had my reasons then

Chorus

Close. You're close  
Once again, come shine a light  
Oh near. So near  
But just out of sight

Perhaps there are some passions that are tempered by the years  
You reach accommodation, the intensity recedes  
Some of this occurred to me the time I saw you last  
Your face familiar in a way. Your voice out of the past  
Every gamut of emotion shared from tenderness to rage  
Fell away between us in the turning of that page  
It seemed like only yesterday we swore that we'd be true  
Two innocents believing that they knew

CHORUS