

# Sir Simon Battle, The Band Stopped Playing

The lights went on  
The band stopped playing  
Our voices drowned by the applause  
They gave encores as we left the building  
For midnight phonecalls in the dark  
hello ... hello ... hello ...  
You missed the train and I watched you walking  
The next train won't leave before the dawn  
But it's hard to talk just to avoid the silence so we both put our headphones on

So turn that tune now into something truthful  
Into something meaningful or special  
And please make those batteries last a little longer  
Keep the thin red bar alive ...  
We said "goodnight";  
and we saw it coming as the sky was getting bright again  
And you shook my hand and I started laughing  
Comedy is just tragedy plus time ...

So please turn that handshake into something useful  
Into something beautiful or special  
And please make those batteries last a little longer  
Keep the thin red bar alive ...  
And I put that away for the rest of the day  
'Cause the signs on the display say "over"; ...