

Bessie Smith, After You've Gone

Now listen honey while I say
How can you tell me that you're going away?
Don't say that we must part
Don't break my achin' heart

You know I love you true for many years
Love you night and day
How can you leave me
Can't you see my tears?
So listen while I say

After you've gone
And left me cryin'
After you've gone
There's no denyin'
You'll feel blue
You'll feel sad
You'll miss the dearest pal
You ever had

There'll come a time
Now don't forget it
There'll come a time
When you'll regret it
Someday
When you grow lonely
Your heart will break like mine
And you'll want me only
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After you've gone away

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