

# Sandy Denny, Ringing Down The Years

We met when you were still a girl  
In nineteen sixty eight  
You wore a white dress and a hat  
I touched the hand of fate  
Your sweet voice took my breath away  
Your smile lit up your face  
You still had both feet on the ground  
I was out in space

That certain sadness in your eyes  
The secret of your smile  
I've carried all these memories  
Down many's the weary mile  
And every time I hear your name  
My eyes moist up with tears  
As every word you ever sang  
Comes ringing down the years.

We sat and talked the whole night long  
Of all our rights and wrongs  
Of mutual acquaintances

We sang each other's song  
You were with me when the morning broke  
The birds refused to sing  
They knew when they were beaten  
They hid beneath their wings.

I was in a cleveland hotel room  
When they telephoned the news  
I drowned my sorrow all night long  
The southern comfort blues  
The show went on to great applause  
Choking back the tears  
As every word you ever sang  
Came ringing down the years.

I reached out for the hourglass  
To turn it face about  
But who knows where the time goes  
When your time is running out  
I know someday we'll meet again  
And I know just what I'll find  
You'll have taught the angels how to sing  
Georgia - georgia on my mind.