

# The Incredible String Band, First Girl I Loved

First girl 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, now, since many is the short year,  
And the last time I seen you, you said you'd joined the  
Church of Jesus.  
But me, I remember your long red hair falling in our faces  
As I kissed you.

Well, I want you to know, we just had to grow;  
I want you to know, I just had to go.

And you're probably married now, house and car and all,  
And you turned into a grownup, female, stranger.  
And if I was lying near you now,  
I probably wouldn't be here at all.

Well, 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 six sad morning.  
And in the lonely midnight,  
Try to hold your face before me.

Well, 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, kids and all,  
And you turned into a grownup, female, stranger.  
And if I was lying near you now,  
I'd just have to fall.

Well, I never slept with you  
Though we must have made love a thousand times.  
For we were just young, didn't have no place to go,  
But in the wide hills and beside many a long water  
You have gathered flowers, and they do not smell for me.

Well, I want you to know, I just had to go.  
I want you to know, we just had to grow.  
So it's goodbye first love, and I hope you're fine.

Well, I have a sweet woman  
Maybe some day to have babies by me,  
she's pretty,  
Is a true friend of mine