

Distant Farewell

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1. Our friends were wondering where we were

When the plane was ready to go.

We arrived and we shook hands.

(We hoped it didn't show.)

I said "goodbye" to all my friends,

Saving your "goodbye" 'til last.

I looked at you and said...

Nothing.

The die had long been cast.

2. I could see the sparkling in your eyes,
Behind glasses that were green.

We could not afford to let on

Nor let it be seen.

We were just friends they were to know;

"We just shared a little fun."

I looked at you and said...

Nothing.

Then I put my back to the sun.

3. The plane's door was shut.

The wheels began to turn.

As we lifted to the sky,

I thought on what I had learned.

You don't need to have,

To know that you possess.

I now have more;

He now has less.

4. I won't say you were first
Or that you'll be the last,
Though you'll remain a part
Of my traveling past.
Our lives are as different
As this planet can afford,
And I have a home,
Half-way around this world.

5. You couldn't come with me.
I couldn't stay with you.
We can't do what we want.
There are things that we must do.
Though the evening time is dark,
The sun again will shine.
We had to share a life
In just ten hours' time.

6. So wherever you are,
You know I think of you.
When a guitar plays,
I hope you think of me, too.
This is what we have.
It is all that we can claim.
To think on each other
Without guilt or blame.