

Alan Jay Lerner

"There But For You Go I"

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Tommy

This is hard to say, but as I wandered through the lea,
I felt for just a fleeting moment that I suddenly was
free of being lonely.

Then I closed my eyes and saw the very reason why.
I saw a man with his head bowed low.

His heart had no place to go.

I looked and I thought to myself with a sigh:

There but for you go I.

I saw a man walking by the sea,

Alone with the tide was he.

I looked and I thought as I watched him go by:

There but for you go I.

Lonely men around me, trying not to cry,

Till the day you found me, there among them was I.

I saw a man who had never known a love that was all
his own.

I thought as I thanked all the stars in the sky:

There, but for you, go I.

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