

Charles Aznavour

"No, I Could Never Forget"

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I never really thought, we'd ever meet again.
But faith deals out the hands :
we must take what it has chosen.
When in an idle glance you appeared, I was frozen.
No, I could never forget.

I look upon your face, I can't believe my eyes.
Passing times often cruel, it fades youth like a flower.
But you have never changed, where the years but an
hour ?
No, I could never forget, never forget.

Married, me ?
Heavens no, I'm still single, but happy.
To be free, unattached and between you and me,
better that than unmatched, though at times I feel
lonely.
But enough about me, let's drink to you and life.
How have you been all these years ?
Are you happy and well ?
No ? I guess I could tell and your marriage it's ended.
Do your parents regret ?
That's not what they intended.
No, I could never forget.

Who could have ever known, without a single word,
that we'd come face to face ?
There'd not been any reason.
I thought all things must die, as a time or a season.
No, I could never forget.

I don't know what to say, it's like some crazy dream,
the way the past returns, all my memories unbroken.
Yes, I remember too every word that was spoken.
No, I could never forget, never forget.

Youth, a foolish age, we thought love was our treasure.
But your father said no,
you would marry someone with a position and name :
you'd receive life's full measure.
And he said with a smile, I'm sure you understand ?

So, with love in our eyes, we exchanged love-
goodbyes.
But your father was shrewd :
all my unanswered letters forced me soon to conclude
things had worked for the better.
No, I could never forget.

The hour is getting late, this place is closing down.
Come, yes come I'll walk you home
through the streets dark and empty,
like in our foolish days of kisses stolen nightly.
No, I could never forget.

Each season was for us a season for our love
and we were not afraid as autumn turned to winter.
As long as there's youth, it is springtime forever.
No, no I could never forget, never forget.

It's strange, the warmth I feel in these moments
together.
We've recaptured the time in the midst of our youth,
when two hearts were in line and were light as a
feather.
But we both know the truth : we must live for today.
So, alas, if I may, if you'd like me to stay ?
If this time we can share what the past was concealing.
If you're lonely and care, if you have the same feeling.
If, you're remembering yet,
all the things I could never forget.

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