

Crosby, Stills, Nash & Young

"How Have You Been"

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By John Sebastian

Performed by Crosby, Stills, & Nash

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How have you been, my darling children
While I have been away in the west
Though you are strangers I feel like I know you
By the way that you treat me and offer to feed me
And eagerly ask if Iâll stay for a rest

Now sit yourselves down in a pile here before me
I wish I had presents for each of your smiles
But I have been travelling without much to carry
Just a broken guitar case with paint on the sides
A bag and a few signs to help me get rides

But here are some beads from the throat of a Princess
Who lived in the years around 200 BC
Divide them and wear them, but make sure to share
them
'Cause I want you to have them in hopes that you'll be
As lovely as the lady who gave them to me...

And here is a strange European guitar string
I found on the floor of a club in Marseilles
Itâs fat for the third string and skinny for the fourth
string
But I kept it in hopes that Iâd use it some day
Itâs funny how people just keep things that way

And here is a turtle from the Long Island Expressway
He says that his home has been covered with tar
So I gave him a ride on the back of my suitcase
And he says that heâd like to stay here in your yard
At long last his life wonât be quite so hard

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