

Emmylou Harris

"Fourteen Days"

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When Johnny got the letter
It had no return address,
But he recognized the writing
And he didn't have to guess.

The postmark said Seattle
Just a thousand miles away,
So he put it in the drawer
For fourteen days

Every night he'd take that envelope
And hold it up to the light,
But he never tore it open
To see what lay inside.

He remembered how it hurt
The night she turned and walked away,
So he kept the letter sealed
For fourteen days.

Fourteen days it lay unopened,
Fourteen days it stayed unread,
Fourteen nights he dreamed about her
In what use to be their bed.

Though his heart and soul were achin'
Johnny's pride got in the way,
So he kept the letter sealed
For fourteen days.
Piano and guitar break

And then one night he couldn't stand it
Johnny took it from the drawer,
He read the words she'd sent to him
Just two short weeks before.

The tears fell hard as Johnny read
The words she had to say,

'Boy I'm coming home to you
In fourteen days".

'Dear John: I know I hurt you
But I pray that you'll forgive.
And if you don't take me back again,
Then, I don't want to live.
If you're there when I step off the plane,
Then I'll be yours, always.
I arrive at four p.m. in fourteen days."

--- Instrumental ---

Johnny raced out to the airport
On the chance that she might wait,
But the terminal was empty
And he knew he was too late.

He cursed himself for letting
His one true love slip away,
For a letter that he held
For fourteen days.

Fourteen days it lay unopened
Fourteen days it stayed unread,
Fourteen nights he dreamed about her
And the good times that they had

And Johnny knew he lost her
And there was nothing left to say,
He tore up the note he'd held
For fourteen days.

Now the next day in Seattle
The morning headline read,

'Another Jane Doe Suicide
Young Girl Lying Dead.'
Scrawled upon the crumpled piece of paper where she
lay,
"I'm coming home to you in fourteen days.'

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