

## Griffith Nanci "So Long Ago"

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by Nanci Griffith

My daddy sent me on to Baton Rouge in 1969

He said our love was like a forest fire and he'd end it  
with a mind

So you rode with us to Temple, Texas where I did catch  
the train

And I remember waving back at you from a silted  
window pane

Chorus:

And I said fare thee well true love of mine

And I said fare thee well sweet lips of wine

And you said fare thee well my texas rose

And then you blew a kiss of innocence as the trains  
began to roll

So long ago

You'd gone off to fight the war when I returned from  
school

And I traded in my innocence when the springtime  
came in bloom

And I married for my family; one night I dreamed of  
you

And you were running from me in the rain down on  
Congress Avenue

Now I saw you once in a crowded bar and it was  
Christmas time

I was frightened by the thunder of our hearts in '69

Because I live my life in whispers now and I choose to  
live alone

So I slipped back to the avenue and flipped my collar to  
the cold

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