

Harlan Howard

"I've Gotta Leave You Baby"

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Did you hear that whistle blow don't you know what that means

Gotta grab my bag and head for the track when I hear that whistle scream

We both knew someday it would end this way my rambling fever would rise

We've had lots of fun but the fun is done and I've gotta leave you baby

Well a baby's gotta cry a bird's gotta fly a man's gotta lie and we all gotta die

The days gotta end and the rivers gotta bend and I've gotta leave you baby

Well I've had this feeling more each day this restless urge to roam

Kept thinking back to the miles of track from New Orleans to Nome

Do the goal still play around old Frisco Bay how's the fishing up in Maine

Where the so many things tugging at my heart streams I've gotta leave you baby

[ac.guitar]

There's an Eskimo that I used to know I told him I'd be back

Got a cowboy friend out in Nelaband who shared with me his shack

When you've lived like a tramp in a hobo camp it kinda gets in your veins

I know you feel bad I know you'll be sad but I've gotta leave you baby

Well a baby's gotta cry...

Yes I've gotta leave you baby

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