

Janis Ian "Dear Billy"

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Dear Billy, how are you?
I hope you are well
The flowers are blooming
The plants, I can't really tell
I see by your letter
You have no intent to come home
So I'll take the kid and the house
And make out on my own

Dear Billy, I'm trying
To say what I feel
But the feelings are locked up in pain
I hope you're enjoying whatever it is
You are doing in whoever's name
The night it runs cold
And it chills to the soul
But you wouldn't know
What's the use
It's all one to me
Go ahead and be free
After all, you got nothing to lose

I still go to school
And the kid, she goes too
We're learning to silence the fear
That no one is near
She calls me "Dear"
And I wait for you
What else can I do?

No, nothing has changed
It all stays the same
We all remain ever-faithful
And someone confused
Except maybe you
Who threw the harpoon
Are you coming back soon?

Dear Billy, please send
My regards to your lady
I wish her well
And I hope that one day

We will meet on the far side of hell
Well the sun's got the moon
And the writer his tune
But I never had nothing 'cept you
And on the day that you die
I will sing lullabyes
In the hopes that you got yours, too

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