

Joan Baez

"If I Wrote You"

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I never thought you were
The letter writing type
So now, I see the words you chose
And the way you write

So, I started to write back
About the trees in the snow
And I saw a bird, couldn't say what it was
But I thought you would know
You always surprised me

And if I wrote you, if I wrote you
You would know me
And you would not write me again

And when the spring came
And flooded all the streams
It's like how you got the night
You told me all you dreams

And when the barn roof sagged after an icy bout
It's like how you shrugged when you knew
The truth was the only way out
But not the only way

And if I wrote you, if I wrote you
You would know me
And you would not write me again

We drew our arms
Around the bastard sons
And we never would drink
To the chosen ones

You know the way I left
Was not the way I planned
But I thought the world needed love
And a steady hand
So, I'm steady now

And I'm so happy

I had to tell you and I love you
You will not write me again
You will not write me again

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