

Joan Baez**"Love Song To A Stranger 355 Joan Baez"**

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How long since I've spent a whole
night in a twin bed with a stranger
His warm arms all around me
How long since I've gazed into
dark eyes that melted my soul down
to a place where it longed to be?
All of your history has little to do
with your face;
You're mainly a mystery with
violins filling in space.

You stood in the nude by the mirror
and picked out a rose
from the bouquet in our hotel
And laid down beside me again,
and I watched the rose
on the pillow as it fell.
I sank and I slept in a twilight
with only one care -
To know that when day broke and I woke
that you'd still be there.

The hours, for once,
they passed slowly, unendingly by
Like a sweet breeze on a field;
Your gentleness came down upon me
And I guess I thanked you
When you caused me to yield
We spoke not a sentence
And took not a footstep beyond
our two days together
which seemingly soon would be gone.

Don't tell me of love everlasting -
and other sad dreams -
I don't want to hear.
Just tell me of passionate strangers
who rescue each other
from a lifetime of cares.
And if love means forever,
expecting nothing returned,

Then I hope I'll be given
another whole lifetime to learn.

'cause I took from you
oh so many things
It makes me wonder how they could
belong to me,
And I gave you only my dark eyes which
melted your soul down to a place
where it longed to be

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