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"Love Song To A Stranger"

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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 longs 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 lay down beside me again and I watched the rose
On the pillow where 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
Because if love means forever, expecting nothing
returned
Then I hope I'll be given another whole lifetime to learn

Because you gave to me oh so many things it makes
me wonder
How they could belong to me

And I gave you only my dark eyes that melted your soul
down
To a place where it longs to be

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