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"I'll Let You Go"

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We drove all night, and half the next day
Up through the mountains to the open space
Got through registration, searched for my dorm,
I was so thankful he'd been there before.

He carried my boxes, he helped me unpack
Told old college stories until I laughed
But the tears started falling as we ran out of time,
And I did all I could to avoid his goodbye.

He said I wish I could stay here,
It's hard on me too.
But I know that there's so much that you've got to do,
So...

I'll let you go,
You can stop crying.
Oh it's not the end of the world,
Girl you know, you're gonna be fine.
Give me a hug and let me see you smile,
You know that I'll see you in a little while,
So I'll let you go.

I made it through school, I made some big plans,
Yeah, I chased my dreams in some far away land,
But everything changed when I got the call,
And chasing those dreams meant nothing at all.

I told him I'm gonna stay here,
And take care of you.
He said that's the last thing that I'd let you do,
But...

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With the wings that he gave me,
I learned how to fly,
One day they brought me back to be by his side,
I knew he was holding on for me,
But I couldn't say the words,
The ones that would set him free,
The last thing I heard,
He said...

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