

## Kathy Mattea

### "where you've been"

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Clair had all but given up when  
when she and Edwin fell in love  
she touched his face and shook her head  
in disbelief and sighed and said  
in many dreams I've held you near  
now at last you're really here

Where you've been I've looked for you forever and a  
day  
Where you've been I'm just not my-self when you're  
away

he asked her for her for life  
and she became a sales man's wife  
he was home each night by eight  
but one stormy evening he was late  
her frightened tears fell to the floor  
until his key turned in the door

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they never spend a night apart for sixty years she  
heard him snore  
now there in the hospice on separate beds on different  
floors  
Clair soon lost her memory, forgot the names of family  
she never spoke a word again, then one day they  
whispered to him in  
he held her hand and stroked her hair, in a fragile  
voice she said

Where you've been I've looked for you forever and a  
day  
Where you've been I'm just not my-self when you're  
away  
no, I'm just not my-self when you're away

