

**Phillip Thomas****"Stranger"**

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[From the CD of Private Parts & Pieces]  
Now that you don't know me  
Is it gone, forever past?  
Now my rock has crumbled  
In the stormy winter blast  
Now the world is darkening  
As I watch the farewell train  
Though once she spoke within me  
Strange, may never see you again...  
Now the wind is asking  
How a rock so firm can fall  
Then the breeze, hear murmurs  
She rose not, so saved his call  
Now the leaves are rustling  
Do I hear them speak her name?  
That waits round every corner  
Strange, may never see you again...  
Little girl, lilty lilac  
Autumn queen by this quiet brook  
Once she lay breathing softly  
Now I watch the ashes burn  
A stranger who may not return  
Rose with the dawn, say you'll long at morning time  
Take this shining moment  
Treasure it through joy and sorrow  
When you hold, untie and unroll it  
Open it, a voice will sigh, a memory that went drifting  
by  
Upon the tide that swept you from my side  
Now the bells are calling  
I must tread the homeward track  
Leave all whispering ripples  
For the next part I must die  
Who I gave the whole world  
She remembers not my name  
That star beneath the bright lights  
Strange, may never see you again...  
Strange, may never see you again...  
Again...

