

## **Dan Fogelberg**

# **"Same Old Lang Syne"**

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Met my old lover in the  
grocery store  
The snow was falling Christmas Eve  
I stole behind her in the  
frozen foods  
And I touched her on the sleeve  
She didn't recognize the  
face at first  
But then her eyes flew  
open wide  
She went to hug me and she  
spilled her purse  
And we laughed until we cried.  
We took her groceries to the  
checkout stand  
The food was totalled up and  
bagged  
We stood there lost in our  
embarrassment  
As the conversation dragged.  
We went to have ourselves  
a drink or two  
But couldn't find an open bar  
We bought a six-pack at  
the liquor store  
And we drank it in her car.  
We drank a toast to  
innocence  
We drank a toast to now  
And tried to reach beyond  
the emptiness  
But neither one knew how.  
She said she'd married her  
an architect  
Who kept her warm and safe  
and dry  
She would have liked to say she  
loved the man  
But she didn't like to lie.  
I said the years had been a  
friend to her  
And that her eyes were still

as blue  
But in those eyes I wasn't  
sure if I saw  
Doubt or gratitude.  
She said she saw me in the  
record stores  
And that I must be doing well  
I said the audience was  
heavenly  
But the traveling was hell.  
We drank a toast to  
innocence  
We drank a toast to now  
And tried to reach beyond  
the emptiness  
But neither one knew how.  
We drank a toast to innocence  
We drank a toast to time  
Reliving in our eloquence  
Another 'auld lang syne'...  
The beer was empty and our  
tongues were tired  
And running out of things to say  
She gave a kiss to me as I got out  
And I watched her drive away.  
Just for a moment I was  
back at school  
And felt that old familiar pain  
And as I turned to make  
my way back home  
The snow turned into rain --

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