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"It's All Been Done Before"

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He was the son of a loving businessman
Young days filled with affluent affection
Late nights all alone walking along those suburban
roads
Searching for some cosmic connection

And as he walked those tree-lined roads
He would swear himself a sacred oath
To always reach up endless toward the sky
Walking through the midnight dew
He would curse the lack of something new
And he'd stare up at the sky and wonder why

Why it's all been done before, and so it will again
"Nothing new is ever new", he said
And it's all been done before, it's all been tried and
true and said
There must be something somewhere out there
someone left

She was the daughter of a military man
Each year marked by a different direction
Seasons spent in the solitude of some transitory plan
Running from any constant connection

And just as she might settle in
The orders came to leave again
And she'd stare down at the ground and refuse to cry
Bags packed and off to go
She would swear herself a silent oath
To someday stay in one place just for a while

Cause it's all been done before, and so it will again
"Nothing new is ever new", she said
It's all been done before, it's all been tried and true
and said
And it makes no bit of difference in the end

They met on a moonlit night when the evergreens were
waving
Ever so slightly in that misty western wind
And he walked along his usual path and she sat upon

her brand new old fence
Through the haze of the street light their eyes met
Their eyes – their eyes met, their eyes met
And then they started up a conversation
Just a simple little conversation
And that was it

Though it seemed like endless nights and days
It did not take long for him to say
“You’re the one for me, I’ll buy you a diamond ring
Together we will see the world
Walk every inch upon the earth
We will climb the highest mountains, sail the shining
seas
Do everything”

She said “No it’s all been done before, worry not
your head
Me and you is something new,” she said
And it’s all been done before, it’s all been tried and
true and said
“I want you not something new” is what she said

He lifted up his head, looked her in the eye
Said “I think I understand, for the first time in my life
That it’s all...been done...before
And it’s all...been done before
Ain’t it beautiful, it’s all been done...before”

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