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"So Long Ago"

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My daddy sent me on to Baton Rouge in 1969
He said our love was like a forest fire and he'd end it
with a mind
So you rode with us to Temple, Texas where I did catch
the train
And I remember waving back at you from a silted
window pane

And I said, ?Fare thee well true love of mine?
And I said, ?Fare thee well sweet lips of wine?
And you said, ?Fare thee well my Texas rose?
And then you blew a kiss of innocence
As the trains began to roll, so long ago

You'd gone off to fight the war when I returned from
school
And I traded in my innocence when the springtime
came to bloom
And I married for my family, one night I dreamed of
you
And you were running from me in the rain down on
Congress Avenue

And I said, ?Fare thee well true love of mine?
And I said, ?Fare thee well sweet lips of wine?
And you said, ?Fare thee well my Texas rose?
And then you blew a kiss of innocence
As the trains began to roll, so long ago

Now I saw you once in a crowded bar and it was
Christmas time
I was frightened by the thunder of our hearts in '69
Because I live my life in whispers now and I choose to
live alone
So I slipped back to the avenue and flipped my collar to
the cold

And I said, ?Fare thee well true love of mine?
And I said, ?Fare thee well sweet lips of wine?
And you said, ?Fare thee well my Texas rose?
And then you blew a kiss of innocence
As the trains began to roll, so long ago

Where did we go?
That long ago, so long ago

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