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Al Stewart "Sand In Your Shoes"

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You always were a city kid Though you were country raised And back in some forgotten time We shared the cold north days

But the simple life was not your style And you just had to escape So it's goodbye to my lady of the islands

On Remembrance Day the bands all played The bells pealed through the park And you lay there by the "Do Not" signs And shamed them with your spark

Now, winter moans in old men's bones As the day falls into dark And it's goodbye to my lady of the islands

It was just like this behind
The kisses you so soon swept away
I've always knew that some day
You'd be bound to just get pulled away

The summer sun beats on and on The shops swim in the heat And you're standin' by the traffic signs With taxis at your feet

Well, I know that in your city skin You're feeling more complete So it's goodbye to my lady of the islands

No, I never got the letters That you said, you'd send to me So it's goodbye to my lady of the islands

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