

## **Rita MacNeil**

# **"Knowing When To Go"**

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The last time I saw you  
You were standing by the tracks  
Holding on to a vinyl suitcase  
Holding back an easy laugh

Oh don't you know

Standing on that crowded train  
Holding up your hands to wave  
Staring at the silent faces  
Holding back the falling rain

Oh, don't you know  
Leaving's not always the hardest  
It's knowing when to go

You knew the years would bring the changes  
And to you, they seemed so aimless  
Time melted all the seasons  
The gentle rain, the cool breezes

Oh, don't you know  
Leaving's not always the hardest  
It's knowing when to go

When the alarm sounds in the morning  
You know you'll have some place to go  
Plans made on windy days  
Are not always easy to hold

Oh, don't you know  
Now you'll return here every summer  
You'll watch the sun dance on the water  
Pick the apples from the tree  
And visit friends on bended knee

Oh don't you know  
Leaving's not always the hardest  
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