

## Roger Whittaker

### "First Hello, Last Goodbye"

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They say when you gain a lover  
You begin to lose a friend  
That the end of the beginning's  
The beginning of the end  
They say the moment that you're born  
Is when you start to die  
And the first time that we said hello  
Began our last goodbye

We know each summer's coming  
Means the winter's waiting there  
And gold would not be precious  
If we all had gold to spare  
You only know how low is low  
The first time that you fly  
And the first time that we said hello  
Began our last goodbye

If I could live forever  
It is certain I could never  
Know another single second so sublime  
That moment of our meeting  
When our hands first touched in greeting  
How I wanted to hold back the hands of time

When they begin the overture  
They start to end the show  
When you said "I'll never leave you,"  
Then I knew that you would go  
The sound of all our laughter  
Is now echoed in a sigh  
And the first time that we said hello  
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