

Goodbye Again

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Every night she sleeps alone
And by her bed she puts the phone
And every morning after that
She takes the phone and puts it back
Now he's got a wife back home and three kids up and grown
But these are things that go unsaid
He might call her from the road just in time
To say 'Hello' and 'Goodbye' again
She keeps his picture tucked away
She think she might have it framed one day
And maybe he'll come see it there
Hanging by her rocking chair
In a corner of her room, on a Sunday afternoon
When all the world is dull and gray
She might close her eyes and sit, rocking gently for a bit
Till all the bad thoughts go away
Back when children played their games
London bridge and Jesse James
She captured flags, she bounced the ball
And every time she beat them all
And now she comes home to her cat in a three room walk up flat
And plays a game of solitaire, well she made a fist last night
And she broke the hallway light and the pieces scattered everywhere
You see he's got a wife back home and
three kids up and grown
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