## The Best Thing

## **Carly Simon**

I was his foreigner
And he was mine.
We ate on terraces
And drank the cheapest wine.
And he believed in me
Down by the serpentine.
How was I to know
it was the best thing
To come along for a long time.
I turned the page

And saw three children with smiles.

I looked to see

What I could make of the youngest child.

And as she blew the candles out

She turned five.

How was I to know

It was the best thing

To come along for a long time.

What do the people at the end of the world do

About time? What about time?

Their secret sleeps with me.

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