

Departure Bay

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The fading scent of summertime, arbutus trees and firs
The glistening of rain-soaked moss
Going to the dairy queen at dusk
Down narrow roads in autumn lightThe salt air and the sawmills
And the bars are full of songs and tears
To the passing of the tugboats
And people with their big ideasI just get home and then I leave again
It's long ago and far away
Now we're skimming stones and exchanging rings
They're scattering and sailing from departure bayThe house was bare of Christmas lights
It came down hard that year
Outside in our overcoats, drinking down to the bitter end
Trying to make things right, like my mother didLast year we were laughing
We sang in church so beautifully
Now her perfume's on the bathroom counter
And I'm sitting in my back pew cryingI just get home and then I leave again
It's long ago and far away
Now we're skimming stones and exchanging rings
They're scattering and sailing from departure bayA song plays on the gramophone
And thoughts turn back to life
We took the long way to get back like driving over the Malahat
Now a seaplane drones and time has flownI won't miss all the glamor
While my heart is beating and my lilacs bloom
But who knew when I started
That I'd find a love and bring him homeJust get me there and one we will stay
A long time off and far away
Now we're skimming stones and exchanging rings
We're scattering and diving in departure bay

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