

# So Long

Patty Griffin

take the last of these roses  
hang them small and pretty on the vine  
tear em' by the roots from the walls where they climb  
for all time  
take the last of my money  
search the corners of my pockets for the change  
take my best  
take my worst  
take the blessings  
take the curse  
take my name  
let the stars in the sky  
fall by and by  
to the sea  
let the water rise up  
let the sun fall down on me  
'cause you only stand up for so long  
stand up for so long so long that you're gone  
so long  
everything i have i borrowed  
i've worn this dress like my own  
shined my shoes every sunday as a child  
and now I'm grown  
so take the rings from my fingers  
take from my neck a silver chain  
take my future  
take my past  
when that sweet day is my last  
take my pain  
take my pain  
let the stars in the sky  
fall by and by  
to the sea  
let the water rise up  
let the sun fall down on me  
'cause you only stand up for so long  
stand up for so long  
so long that you're gone  
so long

take the last of these pictures  
take the nails from all the walls and all the frames  
take these memories from my mind  
flickering like candle flames

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