

# These Foolish Things

## Count Basie

Oh! Will you never let me be?  
Oh! Will you never set me free?  
The ties that bound us  
Are still around us  
There's no escape that I can see  
And still those little things remain  
That bring me happiness or pain  
A cigarette that bears a lipstick's traces  
An airline ticket to romantic places  
And still my heart has wings  
These foolish things remind me of you  
A tinkling piano in the next apartment  
Those stumbling words that told you what my heart meant  
A fair ground's painted swings  
These foolish things remind me of you  
You came you saw you conquer'd me  
When you did that to me  
I knew somehow this had to be  
The winds of March that make my heart a dancer  
A telephone that rings but who's to answer?  
Oh, how the ghost of you clings!  
These foolish things remind me of you  
First daffodils and long excited cables  
And candle lights on little corner tables  
And still my heart has wings  
These foolish things remind me of you  
The park at evening when the bell has sounded  
The "Ile de France" with all the gulls around it  
The beauty that is Spring's  
These foolish things remind me of you  
How strange how sweet to find you still  
These things are dear to me  
They seem to bring you near to me  
The sigh of midnight trains in empty stations  
Silk stockings thrown aside dance invitations  
Oh, how the ghost of you clings!  
These foolish things remind me of you  
Gardenia perfume ling'ring on a pillow  
Wild strawb'ries only seven francs a kilo  
And still my heart has wings  
These foolish things remind me of you  
The smile of Garbo and the scent of roses

The waiters whistling as the last bar closes  
The song that Crosby sings  
These foolish things remind me of you  
How strange how sweet to find you still  
These things are dear to me  
They seem to bring you near to me  
The scent of smould'ring leaves, the wail of steamers  
Two lovers on the street who walk like dreamers  
Oh, how the ghost of you clings!  
These foolish things remind me of you

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