So Long Ago

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My daddy sent me on to Baton Rouge in 1969
He said our love was like a forest fire and he'd end it with a mind
So you rode with us to Temple, Texas where I did catch the train
And I remember waving back at you from a silted window paneAnd I said,Fare thee well true love of mine
And I said, Fare thee well sweet lips of wine
And you said, Fare thee well my Texas rose
And then you blew a kiss of innocence
As the trains began to roll, so long agoYou'd gone off to fight the war when I returned from school
And I traded in my innocence when the springtime came to bloom
And I married for my family, one night I dreamed of you
And you were running from me in the rain down on Congress AvenueAnd I said,Fare thee well true love of mine
And I said, Fare thee well sweet lips of wine
And you said, Fare thee well my Texas rose
And then you blew a kiss of innocence
As the trains began to roll, so long agoNow I saw you once in a crowded bar and it was Christmas time
I was frightened by the thunder of our hearts in '69
Because I live my life in whispers now and I choose to live alone
So I slipped back to the avenue and flipped my collar to the coldAnd I said,Fare thee well true love of mine
And I said, Fare thee well sweet lips of wine
And you said, Fare thee well my Texas rose
And then you blew a kiss of innocence
As the trains began to roll, so long agoWhere did we go?
That long ago, so long ago

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