First Girl I Loved

The Incredible String Band

First girl I loved
Time has come I will sing the sad goodbye song
When I was seventeen, I used to know you
And I haven't seen you now in so many years
And the last time I saw you
You said, you joined the church of Jesus
But me I remember your long red hair
Falling in our faces as I kissed you
I just want you to know, I just had to go
I just want you to know, I just had to grow
And you're probably married now with a house and car and all
And you turned into a grown-up female stranger
If I was lyin' by you now, I wouldn't be here at all
Well, we parted so hard, me rushing 'round New York with a guitar
Making love to people I didn't even like to see
And I still sometimes think of you as I lay here in the sick sad morning
And in the lonely midnight, I've got to hold your face before me
I just want you to know, I just had to go
I just want you to know, I just had to grow
And you're probably married now with kids and all
And you turned into a grown-up female stranger
If I was lyin' by you now, I'd just have to fall
And I never slept with you
Though we must have made love a thousand times
'Cause we were just young
Didn't have no place to go
I just want you to know I just had to go
I just want you to know I just had to grow
So its goodbye, first love and I hope you're fine
I have a sweet woman, maybe someday she'll have babies by me
(She pretty)
She's a true friend of mine

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