## Sergio

**Al Stewart** 

Sergio, came to California In the days after the war So long ago Bought some land, thought to plant a vineyard Like the one he used to know So long ago The sleepy valley was a land of farms and horses He brought his family to the house that he built all alone He drove the tractor, fixed the sprinklers, loaded boxes. Sold his wine from a van His reputation soon began to grow Sergio, with grapemust on his overalls Acacia in his hair, memo ries flow In his mind another country far away With music in th e air So long ago His wooden vats have turned to towers of gleaming metal For Pinot Noir and Syrah, Cabernet. Chardonnay They're entered into competitions, winning medals Advertised on T.V. They're calling him the patriarch today Sergio, puts a weathered hand on the labeling machine The day's almost done Looks outside, beyond the barrels To the rows of vines in brown and green The last of the sun Sergio, came to California In the years after the war So long ago Bought some land, thought to plant a vineyard Like the one he used to know So long ago