

My Sweetie Went Away

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I've got a lovesick tale to tell to you
Though it ain't no affair of mine
It's 'bout a gal named Sue and a boy named Lou
They were fighting all the time
Sue came home one afternoon
And found an empty dining room
Without a word her turtledove had flown
She began to moan

My sweetie went away but he didn't say where
He didn't say when, he didn't say why
Oh, bid me goodbye
I'm blue as I can be
I know he loved another one but he didn't say who
He didn't say when, he didn't say what
His mama has got
That took my sweetie from me
I'm like a little lost sheep
And I can't sleep
But I keep trying to forget
My trifling papa has left his mama all alone, I groan
My sweetie went away but he didn't say where
He didn't say when, he didn't say why
I know I'll die
Why don't he hurry home