

# Tea and Sympathy

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I don't want to ride  
The milk train anymore  
I'll go to bed at nine  
And waken with the dawn  
And lunch at half past noon  
Dinner prompt at five  
The comfort of a few old friends  
Long past their prime.

Pass the tea and sympathy  
For the good old days long gone  
Let's drink a toast to those who most  
Believe in what they want  
It's a long, long time 'til mornin'  
Lays wasted on the dawn  
I'll not write another line  
For my true love is gone.

When the guests have gone  
I'll tidy up the room  
I'll turn the covers down  
And gazing at the moon  
I'll pray to go quite mad  
And live in long ago  
Where you and I were once  
So very long ago.

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Let's drink a toast  
To those who most  
Believe in what they want  
It's a long, long time 'til morning  
Lays wasted on the dawn  
I'll not write another line  
For my true love is gone.

When I have no dreams  
To give you anymore  
I'll lite a blazing fire  
And wait within the door  
And throw my life away  
"I wonder why?", they all will say  
Now I lay me down to sleep  
Forever and a day.

Pass the tea and sympathy  
For the good old days are dead  
Let's drink a toast to those who best  
survived the life they've led  
It's a long, long time 'til morning'  
So build your fires high  
Now I lay me down to sleep  
Forever by your side.