

## How Can I Help You Say Goodbye

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Through the back window of a '59 wagon  
I watched my best friend Jamie slippin' further away  
I kept on waving 'till I couldn't see her  
And through my tears, I asked again why we couldn't stay  
Mama whispered softly, Time will ease your pain  
Life's about changing, nothing ever stays the same

And she said, How can I help you to say goodbye  
It's OK to hurt, and it's OK to cry  
Come, let me hold you and I will try  
How can I help you to say goodbye

I sat on our bed, he packed his suitcase  
I held a picture of our wedding day  
His hands were trembling, we both were crying  
He kissed me gently and then he quickly walked away  
I called up Mama, she said, Time will ease your pain  
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Sitting with Mama alone in her bedroom  
She opened her eyes, and then squeezed my hand  
She said, I have to go now, my time here is over  
And with her final word, she tried to help me understand  
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