

## Easy to Slip Away

Peter Hammill

My, friends, I never really thought you'd go,  
but, then, we know that's the way it happens here.  
Now time is like cat's cradle in my hands:  
we gather up the strands much to slowly  
The refugees are gone... they take their separate paths,  
obliterate the past: figures in an ash shroud.  
Susie, I guess you're on your way to be a star,  
but I don't know where you are: the only time I seem  
to see you is on T.V.  
It's so easy just to slip away...  
Mike!  
It's a year or two since I've seen you...  
I might  
have dropped you a line if I'd had time  
or the will.  
It's my fault too; I play a hermit's role  
of cars and stages, wages, supersoul  
hardly ever seem to get outside these days.  
So, dear friends, as we grow on we feel to grow away,  
can only live in the hope that some day  
it will all return.  
It's so easy just to slip away...