Ringing Down The Years

We met when you were still a girl In nineteen sixty eight You wore a white dress and a hat I touched the hand of fate Your sweet voice took my breath away Your smile lit up your face You still had both feet on the ground I was out in space

That certain sadness in your eyes The secret of your smile I've carried all these memories Down many's the weary mile And every time I hear your name My eyes moist up with tears As every word you ever sang Comes ringing down the years.

We sat and talked the whole night long Of all our rights and wrongs Of mutual acquaintances We sang each other's song You were with me when the morning broke The birds refused to sing They knew when they were beaten They hid beneath their wings.

I was in a Cleveland hotel room When they telephoned the news I drowned my sorrow all night long The Southern Comfort blues The show went on to great applause Choking back the tears As every word you ever sang Came ringing down the years.

I reached out for the hourglass To turn it face about But who knows where the time goes When your time is running out I know someday we'll meet again And I know just what I'll find You'll have taught the angels how to sing Georgia - Georgia on my mind.