

# David Hidalgo & Louie Pérez

## “The Long Goodbye” Lyrics

### What Good Is Love

What good is time  
What good is time  
What good is time if it ain't spent with you

What good is the sun  
What good is the sun  
What good is the sun if it can't shine on you

What good is love  
What good is love  
What good is love if we can't say its true

She got a restless soul  
She's got a restless soul  
She got a restless soul  
That she don't even know

I ask the moon and the stars  
Ask the moon and the stars  
I ask the moon and the stars to watch over you

What good is love  
What good is love  
What good is love if we can't say its true

This train keeps a rolling  
This train keeps a rolling  
This train keeps a rolling now a quarter past two  
Taking this broken heart back to you

What good is love  
What good is love  
What good is love if we can't say its true

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### **Don't You Know**

I hear your footsteps  
Headed for the door  
a golden ring on my finger  
Tell me what is it for

Come back baby  
Don't leave me here to cry  
because don't you know that  
You have to say goodbye

a Little face in the crib  
Tells me it isn't so  
But a letter from somewhere  
Said that you have to go

Come back baby  
Don't leave me here to cry  
Because don't you know that  
You have to say goodbye

Sitting here on the steps  
While your telling me  
That life's a bit short  
Of what its meant to be

Come back baby  
Don't leave me here to cry  
Because don't you know that  
You have to say goodbye

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### When Love Fails

Ten years of marriage  
One big happy family  
It wasn't always easy  
But we managed to get by

Now winter's come along  
The blue has turned to grey  
What colors could spring hold for us  
When the seed has washed away

We've got the might  
To move the mountains tall  
But when love fails  
There's nothing left at all

We've got the house  
With the white fence all around  
Two sons and a daughter  
best looking folks in town

The kids are playing  
Out back in the yard  
while upstairs we are saying  
there must be something wrong

We've got the might  
To move the mountains tall  
But when love fails  
There's nothing left at all

We talk but we don't listen  
We hug but we don't touch  
The promises we made  
Were not enough

What were they saying  
The day that they were married  
To love, honor and cherish  
Just words written in a book

They had the might  
To move the mountains tall  
But when love failed  
There was nothing left at all

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### Take My Hand

Girl you know, you can't go on this way  
Night after night, day after every day  
Whisper to me, what's in your aching heart  
This love you need is not so very far  
Baby dry the tears from your eyes  
And take my hand as we walk into the night

A soul on fire and a touch that's cold  
Seems to me that's all you've ever known  
Desperately looking for something that's real  
Hard to find is the love that can heal  
Baby dry the tears from your eyes  
And take my hand as we walk into the night

Tender are the dreams  
That you try so hard to hide, so deep inside

I don't know why you go on this way  
Night after night, and about every day  
Tell to me, the secrets only a girl could know  
How much to feel and just how much to show  
Baby dry the tears from your eyes  
come take my hand as we walk into the night

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### **Till The Hands Fall Off The Clock**

I can see it, in your eyes  
It makes it hard to say goodbye tonight  
The stars are shining in the sky  
and love is waiting for you and I  
So let's stay up  
Forget about giving up  
This night is just about you and me  
Well there's nowhere else to go  
And no one will ever know  
And we'll dance this way till the hands fall off the clock

Listen to your heart, because hearts never lie  
Leave your cares behind for someone else to find

oh I can see it, in your eyes  
It makes it hard to say goodbye tonight  
The stars shining in the sky  
Love is waiting for you and I  
So let's stay up  
Forget about giving up  
This night is just about you and me  
Well there's nowhere else to go  
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### Empty Words

Empty words come from your lips tonight  
But my heart weak and the hurt so hard to fight  
The words I love you sent a chill right up my spine  
Because the cold wind blowing through these empty words tonight

You say come here baby and never leave my side  
But you turn your head and never look me in the eye  
If love is like a river then this creek's running dry  
Because there's a cold wind blowing through this broken heart of mine

Empty words are all i hear you say to me  
Empty words set this heart free

The words I love you sent a chill right up my spine  
Because the cold wind blowing through these empty words tonight

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### **Big August Moon**

Big august moon  
years go by too soon  
They're all gone  
But I'm still here  
And I know it'll never be that way again

Hands holding tight  
Loving with all our might  
But now your gone  
And I'm still here  
And I know it'll never be that way again

Here I stand alone  
Solid as a stone  
But a stone also crumbles  
lord I pray it could be that way again

Big august moon  
years go by too soon  
I can't say  
If I'll be here  
But I know it'll never be that way again

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### **Cure For Love**

You bring me roses  
You give me kisses  
You bring me moons and stars  
That shine so high up in the sky  
My heart is beating wild and crazy  
Hope that I can find  
A cure for love  
Could be you want me  
Could be you care  
Could be the words you say,  
Are things I just want to hear  
you got me nervous, got me shaking  
Maybe I can find  
A cure for love  
La la la la...  
Doctor, doctor  
Give me healing, so I can stop this feeling  
it's getting so much stronger  
And I just can't go on much longer  
Doctor please  
Find me a way out of love  
When the phone rings  
no one answers  
The letters come back saying  
"Lover cannot be found"  
Don't go looking, don't bother searching  
You see it's 'cause your baby  
Found herself a cure for love  
La la la la...



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### In 1964

In 1964, you could see the Sears Towers on Olympic Boulevard from anywhere in East L.A.

It stood guardian like over rivers of concrete that pointed eastward toward Boyle Heights and the then green hills of City Terrace

Crayola colored stucco houses where mexicanos took their residence long ago ran up those hills

Behind flapping screen doors a million moms rolled buttered tortillas and gave Kool Aid to their kids as they ran out the door to play in the dust

We chased watermelon trucks in the summer time or ride the Kern bus for a dime to the Chicano Miracle Mile, Whittier Boulevard to watch movies at the Boulevard Theater

We saw the Three Stooges in Orbit there, on the screen Moe hit Larry, in the lobby Lencho hit Rudy and we all ran out to squint into the sun

My big sister took me to hear Thee Midnighters in the Johnson's Market parking lot

Girls all screamed and cried for their own fab four or five or however many there were in their skinny pants and Flagg Brothers boots

She wiped her tears and we headed home with the bar-b-que chicken in a foil sack and a loaf of Wonder bread

We'd lie on the convertible sofa on hot nights with the door wide open to catch a breeze and hear dad's same old stories about the war, monsters, and uncle Manuel's operation to remove a splinter that grew to the size of a small tree

Every mother's day he'd buy mom these sweaters that she'd rewrap and put away just to keep wearing the tattered orange one she wore on her migration from Colorado to L.A. in 1922

My Grandma Cuca lived behind us with my dad's oldest brother Joe, a quiet man who slept on an army cot and played solitaire while smoking Camels all day long

My abuelita didn't speak any english so she'd sit and watch TV with the sound turned down and make up her own plots, her best friend was a guy she called "Gunsmoke"

Life never seemed or wanted to change in that little white house on Hammel street with its decorative iron and mosaic of plant pots sitting on the porch rails

Everything stood unshaken that summer until the ambulance took dad away later that year left us watching cartoons and listening to Ray Charles on the radio

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There was always this thing about East L.A., born of the earth and risen up not unlike the San Gabriels we occasionally see when the wind blue the smog down through the valley, surrounding us in the mystery of who we were and where we'd come from

It was something that we couldn't see but we could feel, something that we couldn't hear but resonated in our bones

And in the roses and rosaries and the damp smell of beans boiling a sad happy forever spun all around us and held us to its breast

And now in our exodus, our High-Spanic dreams and schemes and our gold card tombs with garage door openers in our hands, We still breathe an aching choir boy sigh for those days we ran from

So click your heels all you want Delores, you can never go home, but sometimes you can strip all away, make it ALL go away

and in that only free place of paled memory in that oneness of Space, Time and Spirit, we tumblethe naked through the universe back into those warm sweatered arms again, it's then we can all go home

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When you were a child and the first school bell rang  
The kids did hurry as the birds all sang  
You looked at your mother as tears filled her eyes  
And you know it's a long goodbye

The day you first saw her you said she's the one  
The skies did open because the searching was done  
Then she was gone with a blink of an eye  
And you know it's a long goodbye

Spinning and spinning the world like a top  
The wheels keeps turning seem never to stop  
All the sudden rain falls from the sky and she cries  
It's a long goodbye

she knew he was alright the last time he wrote  
He sent some money because she was so broke  
But soon came a letter with a medal inside  
And she knows it's a long goodbye

When I got home, there were lights on the tree  
The kids all stood up they were waiting for me  
But again I woke up with a prayer and a sigh  
And you know it's a long goodbye

Spinning and spinning the world like a top  
The wheels keeps turning seem never to stop  
All the sudden rain falls from the sky and she cries  
It's a long goodbye  
It's a long goodbye  
It's a long goodbye