

## Love song to a stranger (Joan Baez)

**C** **C7M** **F** **C** **G**  
How long since I've spent a whole night in a twin bed with a stranger, his warm arms all around me?  
**C** **C7M** **F** **C** **G**  
How long since I've gazed into dark eyes that melted my soul down to a place where it longs to be?  
**Em** **F**  
All of your history has little to do with your face,  
**Bb** **F** **C**  
you're mainly a mystery with violins filling in space.

**C** **C7M** **F** **C** **G**  
You stood in the nude by the mirror and picked out a rose from the bouquet in our hotel.  
**C** **C7M** **F** **C** **G**  
And lay down beside me again and I watched the rose on the pillow where it fell.  
**Em** **F**  
I sank and I slept in a twilight with only one care  
**Bb** **F** **C**  
to know that when day broke and I woke that you'd still be there.

**C** **C7M** **F** **C** **G**  
The hours for once they passed slowly, unendingly by like a sweet breeze on a field.  
**C** **C7M** **F** **C** **G**  
Your gentleness came down upon me and I guess I thanked you when you caused me to yield.  
**Em** **F**  
We spoke not a sentence and took not a footstep beyond  
**Bb** **F** **C**  
our two days together which seemingly soon would be gone.

**C** **C7M** **F** **C** **G**  
Don't tell me of love everlasting and other sad dreams I don't want to hear.  
**C** **C7M** **F** **C** **G**  
Just tell me of passionate strangers who rescue each other from a lifetime of cares.  
**Em** **F**  
Because if love means forever, expecting nothing returned.  
**Bb** **F** **C**  
Then I hope I'll be given another whole lifetime to learn.

**C** **C7M** **F** **C** **G**  
Because you gave to me oh so many things it makes me wonder how they could belong to me.  
**C** **C7M** **F** **C** **G**  
And I gave you only my dark eyes that melted your soul down to a place where it longs to be.