

# My Sweetie Went Away

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I've got a lovesick tale to tell to you  
Though it ain't no affair of mine  
It's 'bout a gal named Sue and a boy named Lou  
They were fighting all the time  
Sue came home one afternoon  
And found an empty dining room  
Without a word her turtledove had flown  
She began to moan

My sweetie went away but he didn't say where  
He didn't say when, he didn't say why  
Oh, bid me goodbye  
I'm blue as I can be  
I know he loved another one but he didn't say who  
He didn't say when, he didn't say what  
His mama has got  
That took my sweetie from me  
I'm like a little lost sheep  
And I can't sleep  
But I keep trying to forget  
My trifling papa has left his mama all alone, I groan  
My sweetie went away but he didn't say where  
He didn't say when, he didn't say why  
I know I'll die  
Why don't he hurry home