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NOT TODAY

By Marilyn P. Donovan

I signed the note with love and then I made the call
I will not need the babysitter after all
While looking through the window at my kids at play
I knew I could not leave them on this summer's day

Don't wait for me, I won't be there
Go on with life as though we never met
If time can dim the memories
Than surely time can help us to forget

Autumn came and turned the world to gold and brown
I longed to walk beside you on the yellow ground
I saw the children tumbling in the leaves at play
And I knew I could not leave them on this autumn day

The days grew short and soon the land was white with snow
I wanted you to love me by the firelight's glow
I watched them build a snowman and they were so gay
I knew I could not leave them on this winter's day

The earth took one more turn and it was spring once more
I needed you in every way, just as before
I ran to outstretched arms to kiss the tears away
I knew I could not leave them, not on this spring day

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