

His Departure

by [Evelyn Hooven](#) (August 2018)



I won't be able to go through with it,
You can't know how sorry . . .
But I have to continue with what I'm made of—
Trying to deliver the goods.
I don't know what to do with
I am loved, I am enough.
I see that you are the treasure,
The garland of the garland,
But I'm trying not to get lost.
I'll have to take this sharp turn
And you'll become
Lady of Elsewhere,
My Queen of Faraway.

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