

Have You Given Back Her Letters, Tom - song lyrics

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Have you given back her letters? have you taken back the ring?
Will you soon forget the many songs you loved to hear her sing?
Have you cursed the day you met her first, and thanked God you were free,
And said, as you thought in your inmost heart, "She ne'er was dear to me"

Refrain.

have you given back her letters? Have you taken back the ring?
Will you soon forget the many songs that you loved to hear her sing?

O Tom, you say 'tis over, and have taken back the ring;
Do you think love's mighty spirit then is such a trifling thing?
O not if you have truly loved, you will love on, I know.
Till the church-yard myrtle blooms above, and you lie cold below.-Refrain.

You, too, will wake at midnight and stretch your arms to enfold
A vague And shad'wy image fair, with tresses yellow as gold.
Experience is bitter, Tom; you'll learn, at a heavy cost,
The secret of love's persistency when you have loved and lost.-Refrain.