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Claire had all but given up [D Am7 D]
When she and Edwin fell in love [G4 G D/F# Em]
She touched his face and shook her head [D Am7 D]
In disbelief, she sighed and said, [G4 G G4 B7]
"In many dreams I've held you near [Am7 Bm7]
Now, at last, you're really here." [C G/B Am7 D]
"Where've you been? [G Bm7 Am7]
I've looked for you forever and a day [C D G]
Where've you been? [G Bm7 Am7]
I'm just not myself when you're away." [C D G]

He asked her for her hand for life [D Am7 D]
And she became a salesman's wife [G4 G D/F# Em]
He was home each night by eight [D Am7 D]
But one stormy evening, he was late [G4 G G4 B7]
Her frightened tears fell to the floor [Am7 Bm7]
Until his key turned in the door. [C G/B Am7 D]
"Where've you been? [G Bm7 Am7]
I've looked for you forever and a day [C D G]
Where've you been? [G Bm7 Am7]
I'm just not myself when you're away." [C D G]

They'd never spent a night apart [C]
For sixty years she heard him snore [Em]
Now they're in a hospital [C /b]
In separate beds on different floors [Am D]

Claire soon lost her memory [D Am7 D]
Forgot the names of family [G4 G D/F# Em]
She never spoke a word again [D Am7 D]
Then one day, they wheeled him in [G4 G G4 B7]
He held her hand and stroked her hair [Am7 Bm7]
In a fragile voice she said, [C G/B Am7 D]
"Where've you been? [G Bm7 Am7]
I've looked for you forever and a day [C D G]
Where've you been? [G Bm7 Am7]
I'm just not myself when you're away. [C D Em]
No, I'm just not myself when you're away." [C D C (G)]

