

PHIL

(Tom Paxton)

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Gone, gone, gone by your own hand  
I couldn't believe it, the paper was shakin'  
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I know I'm gonna spend the rest of my lifetime wondering why  
You found yourself so badly hurt you had to die

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The phone started ringing, had I heard about it?  
I shook every time I heard it ring  
What was my reaction? I put the phone down  
That was the only news that was fit to sing

They ask about Dylan, about MacDougal Street and Third  
Question piled on question and each question more absurd

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There but for fortune you and I would go  
Fortune turned its back on you,  
Or so it must have seemed to you,  
Christ alone knows what was the final blow

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Bleeker Street outside the Other End  
I told you I'd see you, I got distracted  
I never saw your face again

I heard that you were feeling stronger every day  
I heard that you were well with good things on their way

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