

**WHEN YOU WERE SWEET SIXTEEN**

by James Thornton

When first I saw the love-light in your eye  
And heard thy voice, like sweetest melody  
Speak words of love to my enraptured soul  
The world had naught but joy in store for me  
E'en though we're drifting down life's stream apart  
Your face I still can see in dream's domain  
I know that it would ease my breaking heart  
To hold you in my arms just once again

**Chorus:**

I love you as I never loved before  
Since first I met you on the village green  
Come to me, or my dream of love is o'er  
I love you as I loved you when you were sweet  
When you were sweet sixteen

Last night I dreamt I held your hand in mine  
And once again you were my happy bride  
I kissed you as I did in Auld Lang Syne  
As to the church we wandered side by side  
The love I bear for you can never die  
Without you, I had rather not been born  
And, even though we never meet again  
I love you as the sunshine loves the morn

**Chorus:**