

# Gone

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*Gone is that place where I used to roam,  
gone is that place I called my home.  
Gone is the forest of deep green trees,  
gone is the touch of the summer's warm breeze.*

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*Gone are the wheat fields I saw as a child,  
gone are the long summer days so mild.  
Gone are the wide rivers where I swam,  
gone are the green fields where I ran.*

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*Gone are the winters where I played in the cold,  
gone are the people who all grew up old.  
Gone are the friends I knew back home,  
gone are the places we all used to roam.*

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*Gone is the lake where I played as a child,  
gone is the boat, from the lake, that I plied.  
Gone is the church where I would pray,  
gone is the place where I did not stay.*

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*Here is that place where I now roam,  
here is the place I now call home.  
Here is the forest of deep green trees,  
here is the touch of the summer's warm breeze.*

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*Here are the wheat fields I saw as a child,  
here are the long summer days so mild.  
Here are the warm lakes where I swim,  
here are the green fields that I run in.*

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*Here are the winters where I play in the cold,  
here are my friends with whom I grow old.  
Here are my friends, this is my home,  
here are the places that we now roam.*

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*Here is the lake like when I was a child,  
here is the boat on the lake that I plied.  
Here is the church where I now pray,  
here is the place where I'll now stay.*

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*The circle of life has now come around,  
those things that I lost I now have found.  
The tears that I shed when I left my home,  
were shed by a child who felt all alone.*

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*Gone are those tears that I shed as a child,  
replaced by a smile on this summer so mild.  
My life is the same as it was before,  
like my life long ago on that far distant shore.*