

**AFTER THE STARS . . .**

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1. **After the stars have all faded  
from the dawn of the morning,  
after the cars have stopped whizzing by.  
Once my head is clear  
of all thoughts but you, my dear  
I'll give much-needed sleep another try.**
2. **Since you've been gone  
I lay awake gazing at the stars till dawn,  
like we'd done before our last good-bye.  
Except the hope of having you again  
the way we had each other back when,  
I'd rather close my eyes to the dawn and die.  
I'd rather just close my eyes and die.**

**[SHORT INSTRUMENTAL TURNAROUND]**

3. **After the stars fade from my dreams  
of me and you embraced;  
stars, you and I chased — through the sky.  
Our dreams intertwined  
like us, in body, soul, spirit and mind,  
in love's oneness, in this life's ultimate high.**

**[INSTRUMENTAL]**

4. **Just woke from a dream — I dreamed  
you were gone — even as I held you in my arms;  
a nightmare I couldn't face, in reality.  
As deep as the sky is wide  
like the stars still there in the day as they hide  
let's keep this love past the grave into eternity.  
Let's keep this love past the grave into eternity.**
5. **After the stars have all died  
and the skies are empty . . .  
Our love, our souls together in oneness  
will still be . . . \***

**[SHORT, SLOW TURNAROUND, CAPPED WITH:]**

**I love you. †**

**[END]**

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\* Here spoken: "Oh how I love happy endings"

† Whispered slowly