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Hello Goodbye

HELLO

If you were to come with me,
I would be your best friend-I pinkie swear-I would be your true companion-
partner in love, kind and loyal-if you would just come with me.
Say hello and glide to my heart and hold it gently in you hand-
you can have it, if you would just come with me.
Then I will say 'hello' and you will say 'hello',
then off we go

GOODBYE

Go with the gentle wind go,
I will stay and watch you cross the mountain pass-
through the mines where men are buried,
then into the somber black hills -
where the god of wind, Zephyrus, bellows, huffs and puffs
stirring your heart to beat strong and definite.

Go into the shadows of the night, and I will stay and watch you slowly vanish
over moonlight's horizon,
Zeus welcoming you to his Heaven as seraphim's embrace you.

Yes I will stay as you are swallowed by your dream of bountiful men
who will love you effortlessly, indifferent to your misgivings.

Yes I will stay.
For to move from where I stand,
on the cliffs of Kesh,
looking at Earth,
I would fall down on my knees at the vision of you
crest fallen in the embrace of false gods.

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How I Will Love You

And when I love you,
I'll not just love you for all time into eternity.
I won't just give you my heart, my soul,
I won't just embrace you as my salvation.

For when I love you,
I'll love you in all ways and for always,
I'll love your faults, strengths and weaknesses.

I'll love you even if you stop loving me,
For love knows no quid pro quo.
And should that day of death come,
I will carry on and not fall into a puddle of misery-
I will carry on because you gave me enough of everything I need.

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If You Should Leave

if you should leave

if you should leave me
i won't fall crying in the dirt
nor chase you through a thorned rose garden.

if you should leave me
i won't call you back
or write you poems like this one.

and if you leave me, i'll let you go
because that is what is best for you:
to leave me.

and when you come back,
that will be best for me-
who yelps like a puppy finding his bone.

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