

# Staircase to the Sky

g g f e d c d e  
 Tell me, darling, are you leaving  
 g g g f e d c e  
 For some much sweeter land than mine?  
 C C B g A A g f e g  
 Write me, darling; tell me what you're seeing . . . .  
 A A g e f . . . d c b c  
 Do you think the train must arrive?

e g g g A f d c d d e  
 Your hair is combed; you've no reason for staying.  
 g g g A f d c e  
 Hear the train whistling down the track?  
 C D C B A g A A g f g  
 When you arrive, tell them why I stayed behind  
 c e g A f d d e d c  
 If you can think of reasons for staying.

e g g g g g g g  
 You've taken to your ivory bed.  
 A B C C A C B g e  
 Not a solitary word you've said.  
 g A A g A B  
 Your hair falls like the night  
 A B C g e e f g A  
 As it rolls and flows across your breast  
 f e d d d e d c  
 And your eyes are slowly closing.

## Refrain 1:

D D D B D B  
 When you ride the last train  
 C C C A C B A  
 Try to get a window seat.  
 g B B A B C A B C  
 You only pass that way this one time  
 g e g A  
 When you're not blind  
 f e d d d e d c  
 And can think about the vision.

**Refrain 2:**  
 When you climb the staircase  
 Look for a familiar face  
 To show you the way.  
 Don't get lost, now, be brave.  
 (I'm coming someday.)

It arose from the darkness of the winter,  
 Blazing past the hours of the night,  
 A journey just beginning, a dream ever spinning  
 On a burning, silver staircase to the sky.

The ladder that Jacob saw descending  
 From the heavens to the fields far below,  
 Was seen as he leaned against some rock, sleeping,  
 Beneath a burning, silver staircase to the sky.  
 (Do you think he heard our whistling train?)

**Refrains 1 & 2:**  
 (We're all coming someday.)

