

# I HAVE TO SAY GOOD BYE

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Prelude: E es - A es - E es - B - E es B

1. We used to share the time with joy and action.

So many years united now have passed,  
marked by contemplation and reflection.  
For other points of view we never asked.

2. Discussions about ups and downs and crises,  
ways and possibilities to connect,  
fair play and tolerance in analyses,  
and different thoughts accepted with respect.

Refrain: Therefore, my friends, thank you for your attendance,  
for confidence and for your friendship's tie.  
Please keep all worthy hours in remembrance.  
Now I must go. I have to say „Good bye!“

3. Already now I taste the odour of Eden,  
to solve from secular pleasures now I try,  
looking forward to eternal joys perceiving.  
So don't be sad, when I must say: "Good bye!"

4. Thank you for all your trouble and advice,  
for your support, for patience and critique.  
I could find rest by your comforting voices,  
you helped to learn, what's straight and what's oblique.

Refrain: My friends, you gave to me the chance for growing,  
and by your aid the distress could pass by.  
You stood beside, when stormy winds were blowing.  
Thanks for your help. I have to say: "Good bye!"

A fulfilled life in gratitude is ending.  
The drudgery now is ending, so please don't cry,  
for in your hearts I'll stay. I'm still standing  
to embrace you all. I have to say: "Good bye!"