

I'M LEAVING NOW THE PLAYGROUND

Prelude D – G A - D

1. I'm leaving now the playground where I worked for many years
with commitment and enthusiasm. I leave with joy and also with tears.
So many early mornings I jumped out of my bed,
And after a hearty breakfast, I picked up my bag and hat,
to rush to our company, where there was always a lot to do.
There were so many discussions but no disputes between me and you,
and never serious quarrels, no personal injury.
We've been just a dream team, an extraordinary community.
2. I can enjoy all my free time, my hobbies, how will freedom feel to me?
I wonder if the nights get short, how long the day will be.
Will boredom come slowly or maybe quickly and lengthen my day?
When you've already told everything at breakfast, what is there left to say?
When the hours seem to get longer and longer, will I curse the rest?
Doesn't work also give you the opportunity to do your best?
Work can also be seen as a gift that gives purpose, meaning and aim.
How you can or have to work with is not always the same.

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3. I want to show my gratitude for all your help and care.
Yet there are few people willing to step back and share
the burden that's on my shoulders and stand by in sorrow and grief.
Thank you for your comforting words, for the appreciation I received.
for encouragement, for benevolence and criticism, for empathy.
For kindness and tolerance, for esteem and sympathy.
When I look back and think about it, you were like friends
and I rejoice in this good relationship that may never end.

So let me say goodbye in the hope of seeing you sometime again.
If you ever need my help, I'll be there when I can.
I'm sure you will continue to strive to achieve your intended aim.
I'm proud that I could work with you. So don't forget my name.