

# TOO MANY YEARS

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**G** **G/F#** **Em** **G**  
I have loved you for too many years.  
**Em** **A** **D**  
I have seen your face through too many tears.  
**C** **D** **Em**  
I have loved you in the good times and the bad --  
**A** **D**  
Never regretted all the moments that we've had.

**G** **G/F#** **Em** **G**  
I knew the day I met you that someday you would go  
**A** **D**  
To ride upon a starship to the sky.  
**G** **G/F#** **Em** **G**  
But a starship is a large ship and the building time is slow  
**A** **D**  
And loving never asks the reason why.  
**C** **D** **G** **G/F#** **Em**  
Such an odd couple -- a woman bound for space  
**A** **D**  
And a broken-down guitarist with pain etched in his face.  
**G** **G/F#** **Em** **C** **D**  
Was it pain that brought you to me? It was love that made you stay,  
**C** **D** **G**  
And I wouldn't have it any other way.

(Chorus)

The years passed by so quickly as the starship slowly grew --  
A tiny point of light low in the sky.  
You knew there'd be no place for me there in a starship's crew.  
You'd turn your face away and start to cry.  
Nothing fair about it, and I cannot bid you stay.  
The pain I see within you is the pain you took away.  
I kiss your tears so gently, for I love you more each day,  
And I wouldn't have it any other way.

(Chorus)

I knew the day I met you that the stars had called your name,  
A call that I would not have you deny.  
Though you are departing, I will love you just the same.  
Follow your dream into the sky.  
I have loved you dearly, and your love has made me strong,  
So let us heal each other and new love will come along.  
Mine will find me here on Terra; yours out in the Milky Way,  
And I wouldn't have it any other way.  
**Am** **D** **G**  
No, I wouldn't have it any other way.

*I remember writing this at the NASFiC in Phoenix. As it turned out, some problems were less insoluble than they seemed at the time.*