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Starlight and Gold

D **F#m** **Gm** **D**
When I was a young man, I promised you starlight,
D **F#m** **Gm** **D**
And when I was older, I promised you gold.
D/A **F#m/A** **Gm/A** **D/A**
Now I'm an old man, alone here so late at night,
D **F#m** **Gm** **D**
And all that I want is to have you to hold.

C **D**
I was a sailor and I was a rover,
C **D**
Adrift on the dark seas of space.
C **D**
You were a lady, so warm and so tender
G **A**
With laughter than danced cross your face.

When I was a young man, I promised I'd love you,
But when I was older, I left you behind.
Now I'm an old man still lost thinking of you,
Chasing the memory locked in my mind.

I wanted to hold you and love you forever,
But I was too foolish to stay.
You looked so downhearted and told me I'd never
Come back if I once went away.

When I was a young man, I sailed on the starways,
But when I was older, I left them behind.
And I'd trade all the wealth of my star-roving free days
If I could sail back on the dark seas of time.

When I returned with my purse heavy laden
To take you away for my own,
I could not find you, my pretty young maiden,
Whose love had at last called me home.

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And when I was older, I promised you gold.
Now I'm an old man alone here so late at night,
And all that I want is to have you to hold.