

Words and Music: Bill Roper
Copyright 1987

Too Many Years

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.