

Just Good Friends  
Peter Hammill

(Intro: )

**F# / F#m / F# / F#m**

(First Verse:)

**F#**

Drawing back the curtains,

**F#m**

sluggish city daylight in the afternoon...

**F#**

Here s that special silence,

**F#m**

just before you walk out of the hotel room.

**A**

**C#**

Each time we re so close I assume

**F#m**

**C#**

that we ll never be again -

**A**

**E**

**F#5** (no chord)

oh, how long must we pretend

(Second Verse - same chords)

A casual affair is all that you can spare  
from your emotional change;

A calendar of meetings,

strangers on the street

the best we ever arrange.

Now I just can t stand all the pain,

all the constant make and mend;

oh how long must we pretend

that we re just good friends?

**F#m**

**C#**

I gave you my devotion,

**F#m**

**B**

hiding nothing up my sleeve -

**E**

**Abm**

If I walked clean out of your life

**C#m**

**F#m**

would you even notice me leave?

**C#**

So much tangled-up emotion,

**F#m** **B**  
 should I stay or should I go?  
**E** **Abm**  
 If I walked clean out of your life  
**C#m** **F#m**  
 how long would it take you to know?  
 (no chord)  
 Are we such good friends?

(On original release include the 4 lyric lines, on The Love Songs  
 play them *Instrumentally* - Same chords)

You used to say I love you ,  
 you used to say You make me feel alive and young ;  
 now we re just a habit, a flavour, one a month,  
 to titillate your tongue.  
 How sordid this has become  
 as the means approach the end -  
 Oh, how long can we pretend

**F#m** **C#**  
 I gave you my devotion,  
**F#m** **B**  
 hiding nothing up my sleeve -  
**E** (add choir...) **Abm**  
 If I walked clean out of your life  
**C#m** **F#m**  
 would you even notice me leave  
**F#m** **C#**  
 So much tangled-up emotion,  
**F#m** **D**  
 should I stay or should I go?  
**G** **Bm**  
 If I walked clean out of your life  
**Em** **D(?)** **Am** **E** **Am** **D**  
 how long would it take you to know?  
**G** **Bm**  
 If I walked clean out of you life  
**Em** **Am**  
 how long would it take you to know  
 (no chord)  
 Are we such good friends?