

A Long Time Ago

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This was a song that was written years earlier than others on the CD, but had also never been documented or recorded – only carried around as a simple guitar tune. It occupies a special place in my heart, and it seemed the “time” was right (a pun, since the theme of this CD turned out to be “Time”) – it was the right piece of music to add to the album.

This is a song about one of those incredibly rare and wonderful relationships, where things just “click” immediately and you feel that awesome “chemistry” right off the bat. You have to wonder how events happen the way they do, and you realize there just can’t be so many coincidences that bring two people together so suddenly and with such a depth of understanding. It’s an amazing thing, relationships. When it’s right, it’s right. . . .

I liked the acoustic guitar part that the song is built around – a C chord with the bass note stepping down to B, A, then to the G and full concert C chord. It then does the same with an F chord – musically it is a nice, mellow “folksy” song of the sort of style that I find pleasant to listen to.

There are portions of the song lyrics that reflect that “time” concept, as in:

“such a long time ago, I waited for you to come along...” and
“I was waiting for you a long time ago”.

- John