

Movin' On

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This song was written about the way I was feeling after spending many years in the army, moving around every couple years to a new assignment. It is a very difficult thing to do - to give up friends you've gotten close to after 3 or 4 years at a time and move to a new location, sometimes across the world, and start all over again. It gets discouraging and after awhile you just stop opening up so easily and you don't have such close attachments any longer.

The focus of this song, though, is that no matter how I had to be uprooted and move every few years, I still held onto my feelings of "home" and of my family, and my closest friends there – some of which had never been out of the state let alone live in another country. The song makes mention of how "small the world is now", and how we're not really that far apart. There is a positive, uplifting note to the song, in realizing that traveling and enduring military life does not have to be such a sad thing.

"I know I'm not that far from you – I can still see you smile".

The music is enjoyable to play, using an acoustic guitar framework that is similar to a bluegrass rhythm – a finger-picking style that I liked to use in many of the songs I composed. When augmented with some light strings and percussive sounds, it made for an uplifting feeling to the song in spite of the seriousness of most of the lyric. It's enjoyable to play – and I hope you enjoy listening as well!

- John