

# Watching Over Me

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**There are some of my songs that are just so personal and so intimate that I'd rather not have to write anything about their background. This is one of those; it's hard to express what I want to within the scope of this brief page of information. Still, I view each of these pages as a tribute of sorts, to the inspiration behind the song, or as in this case, to the person behind the song.**

It was 1989, and I was just about to leave military service. I was divorced and it was the period of time prior to my second marriage. In that year, in that space of time, something strangely wonderful happened and I would be lying if I said it had not affected me for the rest of my life. I met someone who just touched me that deeply, on such a level that made me see and understand how very different a relationship could be when you were paired up with the right partner. To say that the "chemistry was right" was an understatement of immense proportions.

**Yet Destiny did not allow for us to remain together. I was committed to making the transition into civilian life as I missed my family too much – while she was equally committed to remaining in the service and earning the retirement – which resulted in her being assigned a half a world away from me. So reluctantly and with heavy hearts, we went our separate ways. Time was not on our side – our meeting was brief, but as intense as it was our lives would never be the same. There was a feeling that somehow, someday, we would meet again. We would be able to easily erase the years apart and speak volumes with just a glance.**

As the lyrics revealed:

*"and if our destinies collide, and you're back here by my side....  
you're watching over me – reaching out across the miles – watching over me".*

**There. That's about all I can say about that experience....  
I'm smiling after all these years, and knowing that you're still Watching Over Me.**

~ John