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THE STRANGERS

"Welcome stranger" the hills a' seem tae say
Their Border colours of green and brown and purple-grey
Are sae familiar and yet they're a' sae strange
So I answer "Hello stranger, is it you or me who's changed?"

"Welcome stranger" the curlew seems tae cry
A scrap o' paper whirlin' in the muddy sky
My heart remembers his bitter-sweet refrain
Yet I answer "Hello stranger, is it you or me who's changed?"

Chorus:

But the Tweed still runs doon past that wee Border toon
Where my parents lived and died
It's where the boy was born, it's where the man was formed
Where my past and my present collide
Where the man who is and the boy who was
Will not look for each other again
Too many threads have been unstrung, too much water has run
Under the bridge between now and then.

"Welcome stranger" the West wind seems tae sing
A promise bearer o' the comin' o' the Spring
My senses waken tae the scent and taste o' hame
Yet I answer "Hello stranger, is it you or me who's changed?"

"Welcome stranger" the whole valley seems tae call
It once seemed boundless, aye but now it seems sae small
It's far horizons, the years have crossed and tamed
So I answer "Hello stranger, is it you or me who's changed?"