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*You were gone before you left
I tried to save your chair
You turned to walk away
With music in the air*

*You were gone before you left
The speeches left to make
Remained the words unsaid
Your place no one could take*

*You were gone before you left
I missed you say goodbye
I watched you turn to leave
Sitting right before my eyes*

*You were gone before you left
Then you left—and you were gone
And those you left behind
Are left to carry on.*