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WHERE DID WE GO?

I flee this question -
It strikes too deep.
To your soul you say -
I've dates to keep.

I've much to do,
So much to gain,
A name to build
Before life wanes.

My education -
All done now.
My reputation -
My hallowed vow.

Land a job
With all the perks.
Build a team
That together works.

Find a bride
To love and cherish.
Gather friends,
And join a parish.

Children come,
We raise them right.
A larger home,
Our future's bright.

Off to college
Our kids do go.
I'm working lots
To make more dough.

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My wife works, too -
She's closing deals.
Her flight is late,
We're missing meals.

We found a place
A winter home,
A place we'll go
To be alone.

Right now we seldom
Make it there,
But one day soon
With fewer cares.

Promotions come
And circles grow,
Our paths diverge
Others to know.

When children visit
The change is clear,
The parents they knew
Are past, not here.

As duties deepen,
As jobs expand,
She gets to know
Another man.

As for me,
I have great friends.
They're fun and fill
My free weekends.

We see our children
Less and less,
It breaks my heart
I must confess.

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We sold the home
In Tampa Beach,
With her busy life
She's hard to reach.

When we were married
We made a pact,
For our sacred union
We'd in favor act.

The marriage pledge
'Till death do part,
Abridged just now
For her new start.

Looking back
On all of life,
I miss the girl
Who was my wife.

We missed His plan
Our daily prayer,
We let life's fruits
Divide our pair.

For you two now
There may be space,
To pledge again,
Face-to-face.

To agree right now
Of all of life,
The greatest prize
Is man and wife.

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