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Final Words

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John Coghlan writing to Ann Marie England.

Thank you Ann Marie England

For a love I never knew.

A son whom I've never forgotten.

For holding it together

when I fell apart.

Thank you for the words

hidden until it necessary.

I'm sorry for your trouble

brought on by others

but directed at you.

Thank you Ann Marie England for taking my hand
For turning up on that bitterly cold night in 1952
for the years of joy
the guilt removed
the shoulder to cry on.

Thank you Ann Marie England
For the emotion I feel
the tears in my eyes
for creating a home
and opening my mind.

Ann Marie England I want to hold you
just one more time.
And if I had my time again
would you come around?

Ann Marie England writing to John Coghlan.

Thank you John Coghlan
for that look in your eye
and returning my love.
For the walled garden
the fertile earth that brought
love to our home.
The roof over our heads
when I knew the pain it caused.

Thank you John Coghlan
for the family I craved
until our son left home.
Our love was enough
to last past yesterday.
There is a feeling now
that I don't understand
drifting as life falls from our hands.

Don't feel my pain
now's not the time
Thank you John Coghlan
It will never be the same.