

A DUST STORM HIT, AN' IT HIT LIKE THUNDER

This one is dedicated to our member and good friend Cal Perry, who passed away on June 6. This is one of the songs Cal and I performed at Houston Christian High School's presentation on Shakespeare's *As You Like It* with a backup folk band. Cal enjoyed doing this song, and it was a pleasure and a privilege performing with him. You can listen to it here: <https://youtu.be/QhAt4RdROok?si=hztAbYK6RWXwElxU>

So Long, Its Been Good To Know Yuh (Dusty Old Dust)

Words and Music by Woody Guthrie

D **A7**
I've sung this song, but I'll sing it again,
D **A7**
Of the place that I lived on the wild windy plains,
D **D7** **G**
In the month called April, county called Gray,
A7 **D**
And here's what all of the people there say:

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CHORUS: So long, it's been good to know yuh;
A7
So long, it's been good to know yuh;
D **D7** **G**
So long, it's been good to know yuh.
D **A7**
This dusty old dust is a-gettin' my home,
D
And I got to be driftin' along.

A dust storm hit, an' it hit like thunder;
It dusted us over, an' it covered us under;
Blocked out the traffic an' blocked out the sun,
Straight for home all the people did run,
Singin':

CHORUS

We talked of the end of the world, and then
We'd sing a song an' then sing it again.
We'd sit for an hour an' not say a word,
And then these words would be heard:

CHORUS

Sweethearts sat in the dark and sparked,
They hugged and kissed in that dusty old dark.
They sighed and cried, hugged and kissed,
Instead of marriage, they talked like this:
"Honey..."
CHORUS

Now, the telephone rang, an' it jumped off the wall,
That was the preacher, a-makin' his call.
He said, "Kind friend, this may be the end;
An' you got your last chance of salvation of sin!"
The churches was jammed, and the churches was packed,
An' that dusty old dust storm blowed so black.
Preacher could not read a word of his text,
An' he folded his specs, an' he took up collection,
Said:

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