

# LAST THING ON MY MIND

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**Key:** G      **Start note:** B      **Time:** 4/4      **Strum:** D\_ d\_ D\_ d\_  
Alternating bass

**Intro:** G / C / G / C / G / D / G /

1.      / / G      C      G      G /  
It's a lesson too late for the learnin'..  
C / G G / D / G G  
made of sand,      made of sand.  
G      C      G      G /  
In the wink of an eye my soul is turnin'..  
C / G G / D / G G  
in your hand,      in your hand.

**CHORUS:**      D      C      G  
*Are you goin' away with no word of fare -well?*  
C      G      D      D  
*Will there be not a trace left be-hind?*  
G      C      G      Em  
*Well, I could have loved you better, didn't mean to be un-kind..*  
G      D      G      G  
*You know that was the last thing on my mind.*

2.      G      C      G      G /  
You had reasons a-plenty for goin'..  
C / G G / D / G G  
this I know,      this I know.  
G      C      G      G /  
For the weeds have been steadily growin'..  
C / G G / D / G G  
please don't go,      please don't go.

**CHORUS:**      D      C      G  
*Are you goin' away with no word of fare -well?*  
C      G      D      D  
*Will there be not a trace left be-hind?*  
G      C      G      Em  
*Well, I could have loved you better, didn't mean to be un-kind..*  
G      D      G      G  
*You know that was the last thing on my mind.*

3.      G      C      G      G /  
As I lie in my bed in the mornin'..  
C / G G / D / G G  
without you,      without you.  
G      C      G      G /  
Every song in my breast dies a-bornin'  
C / G G / D / G G  
without you,      without you.

**CHORUS:**            *D*                            *C*                            *G*  
*Are you goin' away with no word of fare -well?*  
                          *C*            *G*                            *D*    *D*  
*Will there be not a trace left be-hind?*  
                          *G*    *C*                            *G*                            *Em*  
*Well, I could have loved you better, didn't mean to be un-kind..*  
                          *G*    *D*    *G*    *G*  
*You know that was the last thing on my mind.*

**Outro:**                            *G*    *D*    *G*    *C / G / D / G*↓  
*For you know that was the last thing on my mind.*