

LEAVING ON A JET PLANE

words & music by John Denver (1966)

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Key: C **Start note:** C **Time:** 4/4 **Strum:** d_ du _u du

Intro: C /// F /// C /// F //

/ C F
All my bags are packed, I'm ready to go,
C F
I'm standing here out-side your door
C F G7
I hate to wake you up to say good-bye.
C F C
But the dawn is breakin', it's early morn', the taxi's waitin',
F C F G7
He's blowin' his horn. Al-ready I'm so lonesome I could die.

CHORUS:

C F C F
So kiss me and smile for me, tell me that you'll wait for me,
C F G7
Hold me like you'll never let me go.
C F
'Cause I'm leaving on a jet plane,
C F
Don't know when I'll be back again.
C F G7
— Oh babe, I hate to go.
C F

There's so many times I've let you down,
C F
So many times I've played around,
C F G7
I tell you now, they don't mean a thing.
C F
Every place I go I'll think of you,
C F
Every song I sing, I'll sing for you.
C F G7
When I come back I'll bring your wedding ring.

CHORUS:

C F C F
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C **F** **G7**
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C **F**
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C **F** **G7**
—Oh babe, I hate to go.

C **F** **C** **F**
Now the time has come to leave you, one more time, let me kiss you,
C **F** **G7**
Then close your eyes, I'll be on my way.
C **F** **C** **F**
Dream about the days to come, when I won't have to leave alone,
C **F** **G7**
A-bout the times I won't have to say ~

CHORUS:

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Outro:

C **F**
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