

A CLEAR FOUNTAIN

Strolling home from the mountain
Down to the village street
I saw a clear fountain
And stopped to dip my feet
*Il y a longtemps que je t'aime,
Jamais je ne t'oublierai...*

I let the sunshine dry me
'Neath the leaves of an oak-tree
Atop the highest branch
A nightingale sang to me
*Il y a longtemps que je t'aime
Jamais je ne t'oublierai...*

Sing, nightingale, sing
You, who can smile and laugh
Your heart is whole and healthy
Mine's broken, split in half

I've loved you for such a long time
I'll never forget you love...

Quite undeservedly
I lost my lover so sweet
For a bouquet of roses
That she threw at my feet
*Il y a longtemps que je t'aime
Jamais je ne t'oublierai...*

I wish someday the rosebush
Would blossom once again
To someday find a new love,
How happy I'd be then!
*Il y a longtemps que je t'aime
Jamais je ne t'oublierai...*

Translation note: the chorus means "I've loved you for so long, I'll never forget you" in French.