

Leaving for College

Your face before me
Ever shining
The light of youth

Your face before me
Ever fading
As you depart
A new life to start

Your face before me
In the day and in the night
Like a bright shining light
A distant star
I cannot reach

Child of my heart
I miss you so
Where will you be
When I am old?

May life be kinder to you
Than it was to me
And may the one who loves you
Be gentle and true

May you never know harm
But if you do
Know my arms
Are outstretched
Forever towards you.

Aphrodite Matsakis