

# Faded Light Brown Now

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I love my coat  
there is no other coat like  
    my coat  
    this coat  
which you gave me  
over a dozen years ago now

at a cozy Christmas for two  
in a small log cabin  
with a wood stove

a small live tree  
we brought with us  
under which stood  
a huge box

with this coat  
to keep me warm  
on the long opera days  
8:00 AM to midnight  
in production

still keeps me warm  
    cozy  
in Oregon now  
with its roomy hood  
protecting me completely  
in the rain

frays along the cuffs now  
faded light brown now  
it still feels so good  
fresh out of the wash

~C. Steven Blue