

SO DAMN PRETTY

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Emma was a lovely child
Pure and bright
Everybody said she was
The shining of the light
And a perfect measure
Of beauty and poise
A lesson for the girls
And a gift to the boys

Emma grew up happy
In a brick ranch house
With 2 Brothers and a dog
Not quite north, not quite south
And it was little darling
Come on smile for us
Why does a girl need to be
So serious

They'd say, your eyes are pretty
Your hair is pretty
Everything about you is just so pretty
You must be
So happy
To be
So damn pretty

She averaged twenty points a game
Raining in the threes
Was runner-up twice
In the state spelling bee
Was Summa Cum laude
As she walked across the stage
Into 40 years of fighting
For a fair and honest wage

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They'd talk about her
Like she wasn't even there
They'd talk about her
Like she wasn't even anywhere
At all

She says I won some and lost some
The way everybody does
I didn't care what people thought of I
should be
I was happy with who I was
I've tried to be honest and kind
I've hoped to be brave and strong
And everything that they won't say
Out loud about me when I'm gone

They'll say her hair was pretty
Her eyes were pretty
Everything about her was just so pretty
They could never see
That there was more to me
Than just so damn pretty