

I Was Beautiful
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(Amin) (Amin/G) (Amin) (hold)

I was (Amin)beautiful, my Jackie (G)told me so,
But that was (F)long ago, and far a(E)way. (hold)
But I was (Amin)beautiful, he was my (G)soldier boy,
We had one (F)taste of joy, (E) then they sent him a(Amin)way. (hold)
And I was (C)terrified, I sat up (G)half my nights,
The radio (F)said the fights were terrible, many were (E)slain. (hold)
And then, that (C)golden day, I answered the (G)telephone,
My soldier (F)boy was home, (E) home safe a(Amin)gain. (hold)
And we went to the (G)pictures, and we went to the (C)sea,
We had a (E)life of our own to live, my Jackie and (Amin)me.
Oh, the (G)summers came and went, and the children (C)grew,
I was still (E)beautiful to him and love was still (Amin)new. (G)(Amin)
(hold)

We were (Amin)older now, the children (G)moved away,
Then came the (F)longed-for day when Jackie re(E)tired. (hold)
At first, he (Amin)seemed content, he did some (G)gardening,
There was a (F)garden swing (E) that he re(Amin)wired.
But as the (C)time went by, he seemed to (G)drift away,
He found it (F)hard to pay attention, his memory grew (E)dim.
The kids all (C)rallied round, they loved their (G)daddy so,
He didnt (F)seem to know, (E) they were strangers to (Amin)him. (hold)
Though wed been to the (G)pictures, and wed been to the (C)sea,
Wed had a (E)life of our own to live, my Jackie and (Amin)me,
Oh, the (G)summers had come and gone and the children (C)grew,
I was still (E)beautiful to him and love was still (Amin)new. (G)(Amin)
(hold)

I was (Amin)terrified and I was (G)all alone,
The children (F)had their homes, I know thats (E)life.
And my (Amin)soldier boy who used to (G)kiss my hands
Now fails to (F)understand (E) that Im even his (Amin)wife. (hold)
He sits and (C)stares at me, and there is (G)nothing there,
He doesnt (F)seem to care what happens to him or to (E)me.
But I was (C)beautiful, he was my (G)soldier boy,
We had our (F)taste of joy (E)in my own memo(Amin)ry. (hold)
But did we go to the (G)pictures? Did we go to the (C)sea?
Did we (E)have a life of our own to live, my Jackie and (Amin)me?
Oh, the (G)summers came and went, and the children (C)grew,
Was I ever (E)beautiful to him? Was love ever (Amin)new?
Was I ever (E)beautiful to him? Was love ever (Amin)new? (G) (F) (E) (Amin)