

# What Was Her Name

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Oh what was her name she used to sit next to me in math  
Had the saddest eyes I'd ever seen and like me she was only sixteen  
What was her name she was so silent and strange  
Then the word leaked out and time brought about the truth and the tragedy began  
She was only sixteen and married and married to a law-breaking man  
And lovin' him and trustin' him as only a young girl can  
He looked so exciting and different to the eyes of this innocent child  
He said I'll marry you and carry you through a life exciting and wild  
Oh what was her name I see her so well in my mind  
Especially that day right after school when I saw her for the last time  
The sheriff's car was there she looked so small and alone  
As they put her inside and drove out of sight I was scared and ran all the way home  
They were tryin' to make her betray him but she refused to understand  
How the love of her life could be mixed up with a dirty thieving man  
So she never said a word against him and finally they set her free  
When she met him that night she was surprised when he said  
That's the last time you'll squeal on me  
When the first bell rang the next morning she was sittin' on the schoolhouse steps  
Leaning 'gaist the rail she looked so pale I asked a friend if she was asleep  
The last bells rang and still she didn't move as we all started to class  
So June went over to her sayin' come on the last bells has rang  
That's when she saw the knife in her back oh heck what was her name

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