

# 14 Today

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Fourteen today and you went dancing  
Music mixed with laughter and boys can be so immature  
They made you drink a bit too much  
Everything's a blur to feel and touch  
Did he really like you? Well, how can you be sure enough? Twenty-three today and all your friends are gettin'  
married  
You say, they're so scared of bein' alone  
So self-righteously you march through teachers' college  
Still so much in life you gotta get to know  
Seems like everybody's so content to move so slow And when you think, you've got your life so well-controlled  
It slips away  
And the years, like raindrops falling from your life  
Are washed away, washed away And you're so brilliant, you're so gifted  
So sensitive, so strong  
As you hide behind your barricade of words  
But no one got close enough to you to have ever heard I met you at a party  
You were drunk and full of world advice and I was gettin' nervous  
And you said, you had a child who was a genius  
Then you smiled as the living room transformed into your circus Someone whispered you were 39 today, a face  
so young, eyes so old  
You collapsed into the corner, like somebody up on verbs  
You near seduced me with your verbs as I reached out for you  
You said over and over Oh, when you think, you've got your life so well-controlled  
It slips away  
And the years, like raindrops falling from your life  
Are washed away, washed away And you're so brilliant, you're so gifted  
So tragic and so wrong  
As you hide behind your barricade of words  
But you know, no one got close enough to you to have ever heard Children come home from school  
Shout and laugh with all their life  
Shut them out fast before you think of the past  
Turn out all of your lights Go to bed, go to sleep, don't think, don't feel  
As the nighttime owns a prayer  
But maybe somewhere deep inside  
There's some meaning, aching to be shared Fourteen today and you were dancing

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