Real Life

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I was young, he was old
An' we both were the same age
Everyday, playin' fetch
Shakin' hands, he'd lick my faceAnd I was unaware
The day would come
An' when he died, for the first time
I knew what real pain wasAnd I never was the same again
From that moment on, real life beganSenior high, girlfriends
Football games, graduation
Summer break, spend my time
Fillin' out applicationsA few superficial years went by
They were all a blur
And in the most unlikely situation
There you were, yeahAnd I never was the same again
From that moment on, real life began
With you, with youBy your side, scared to death
Felt the pain you were fightin'
Placed my palm on your head
Spoke your name, just keep tryin'An' then you closed your eyes
An' took one last breath
And when it was over, you looked up
Laid our baby across your breastAnd I never was the same again
From that moment on, real life began

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