

# When I Was a Boy

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Advisory - the following lyrics contain explicit language:

I wont forget when Peter Pan  
Came to my house, took my hand  
I said, "I was a boy"  
Im glad he didnt check I learned to fly, I learned to fight  
I lived a whole life in one night  
We saved each others lives  
Out on the pirates deck And I remember that night  
When Im leaving a late night with some friends  
And I hear somebody tell me  
Its not safe, someone should help me I need to find a nice man to walk me home  
When I was a boy  
I scared the pants off of my mom  
Climbed what I could climb upon And I dont know how I survived  
I guess I knew the tricks that all boys knew  
And you can walk me home  
But I was a boy, too I was a kid that you would like  
Just a small boy on her bike  
Riding topless, yeah  
I never cared who saw My neighbor come outside  
To say, "Get your shirt,"  
I said "No way, it's the last time  
I'm not breaking any law" And now I'm in this clothing store  
And the signs say less is more  
More that's tight means more to see  
More for them, not more for me  
That can't help me climb a tree in ten seconds flat When I was a boy, see that picture? That was me  
Grass-stained shirt and dusty knees  
And I know things have gotta change  
They got pills to sell, they've got implants to put in They've got implants to remove  
But I am not forgetting  
That I was a boy too And like the woods where I would creep  
It's a secret I can keep

Except when I'm tired  
'Cept when I'm being caught off guard  
And I've had a lonesome awful day  
The conversation finds its way  
To catching fire-flies  
Out in the backyard  
And I so tell the man I'm with  
About the other life I lived  
And I say now you're top gun  
I have lost and you have won  
And he says, "Oh no, no, can't you see  
When I was a girl, my mom  
And I we always talked  
And I picked flowers  
Everywhere that I walked  
And I could always cry  
Now even when I'm alone I seldom do  
And I have lost some kindness  
But I was a girl too  
And you were just like me  
And I was just like you

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