

# Memphis Pearl

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Back in Memphis she was a pearl  
She was everyone's favorite girl  
Now her eyes have a vacant stare  
What she wouldn't give to be livin' back there  
She married a man when she left home  
She wanted someone she could call her own  
He was good to her when he wasn't drunk  
He'd hold her and tell her how pretty she looked  
Back in Memphis where she grew up  
The life she knew was just not enough  
Back in Memphis when she was a girl  
She thought one day she'd own the world  
She'd look at the TV and magazines  
And she'd believe all the pictures she'd seen  
She'd be wearin' silk and perfume so sweet  
But those things don't mean much out here on the street  
Back in Memphis she had fun  
Goin' around, tellin' everyone  
She was gonna buy dresses that zip up the side  
And wear red lipstick, have a nice car to drive  
She bounces her baby on her knee  
Sayin' maybe today we'll get lucky, you'll see  
I promise it won't always be like this  
Come here, sugar, give mamma a kiss  
Back in Memphis another time  
Didn't look like things would turn out fine  
Back in Memphis when she was a girl  
She thought one day she'd own the world  
Back in Memphis she was a pearl

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