

# We Were Never the Same

**Brian Vander Ark**

God saved the queen, but he left you a dream  
With your brave stuffed in bellies of ships that drifted in  
The gate to the west was wide open  
This promised land seemed an infinite land  
And we nestled ourselves in your arms and the warmth of your skin  
And that great western plain was never the same again  
It took years to adjust to our freedom  
The young and the proud, how we wondered aloud  
About brotherly love and then push comes to shove once again  
No death in vain  
But we were never the same again  
The sweat and the tears of the formative years  
The highways were veins pumping life to remains of the land  
A new era began  
They caught you in bed with Miss Fortune  
Poverty bound you were stripped of your crown  
All the storms had been weathered  
It brought us together again  
And then September came  
And we were never the same again  
Centuries passed and you're still just a girl  
But this last generation's not long for this world  
Who would rather remember the 12th of September  
We're all patriots when the orange of the embers still glow  
I think that you know  
That I'm telling you this 'cause I love you  
I love that you're proud  
But you're also too loud  
So bring it down to a whisper  
And wait for the world to lean in  
And the home of the brave  
Is etched on the graves again  
Remember their names  
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