

# Drive-In Movies And Dashboard Lights

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Sister had a crystal voice  
She played a Silverstone from Montgomery Ward  
Baez songs and Monroe hair  
She sure could turn the boys heads to stare  
Swimwear saunter, tan and haunt them  
Was all she learned in school  
Books were for the other girls  
And the other girls were fools  
Texas back in '69 was drive in movies and dashboard lights  
Father waltzed her down the aisle  
Cause college didn't suit her style  
The sad truth was she could barely read  
But if you told dear father, well he wouldn't believe you  
The telephone rang and drove mother insane  
From all the hearts left on the shelf  
Sisters gone and she won't be home  
Cause she didn't take care of herself  
Texas back in '69 was drive in movies and dashboard lights  
Where is she now  
The backseat queen of fraternity  
Where is she now  
She's heavy on thigh  
And light on integrity  
Someone should have told her  
When beauty's all you offer  
How soon the world discovers  
That your beauty's gone  
Its gone  
Mother can't you hear your daughter crying  
Father wake up her youth is dying  
The kids are gone  
Husbands gone away  
And its a shame cause she had such a lovely face  
Can't you see she needed more than  
"Oh what a pretty child"  
You never taught her truth from lie  
All you told her was to smile  
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