

Town Drunk

Love and Theft

She used to come over to my house
She only lived a few miles away
I never knew why, but my Momma said
If she wanted to she could stay
A pretty little girl, who fought like a boy
But she wanted to hold my hand
In the little blue dress that she always wore
Yeah, I might've been her only friend I remember that summer, like yesterday
She used to hang around all the time
Down by the creek, we would always play
And tell secrets by the porch light
Shy as a bird, and timid as a flower
I wondered where she grew up
I never really thought that much about it,
But everybody said her Daddy was the town drunk Broken like a bottle, running from the only home
She ever had
Tangled in the talk behind her back
Yeah, he thought she was nothin'
Growing like a weed on the wrong side of the tracks
How could anyone not love a girl like that One afternoon, in the middle of town
I saw her Daddy sleepin' on a bench
So I walked up, and introduced myself
And said his daughter was my best friend
He looked at me like he didn't care
And he asked me for a couple of bucks
Right then I decided, I'd look after
That pretty little girl
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A girl like that
Several years later, I read in the paper
That her Daddy had passed away
I was holding her hand, she had the baby in the other
There was really nothin' I could say
She looked at me, and I gave her a kiss
All that mattered was the three of us
Nobody thought it would all work out
For that pretty little girl
Who's Daddy was the town drunk

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