Before the Great War

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You were born before the Great War
Born again when you were two
Ah, you stood strong though you were wrong
Couldnt break but you broke through
Your daddy was a singer
But he never sang to you
Ah, he lashed out
Yeah, he cashed out

And he left your mama, too

He was gonna be somebody, be somebody, be somebody new Your mother had a good heart

Did the best that she could do

She let your hair down when no one was around

She was lost, she was hurting, too

You kept secrets for a living

You kept quiet to stay alive

You told stories, shrewd stories

Every ending ended right

You were gonna be somebody, be somebody, be somebody new You were gonna be somebody, be somebody new You stood fast through the roaring twenties

You stood still in 29 You found a good man, found a very good man

He was gruff but he towed the line

You built a home

You yield a family like the one you never knew

You made children

You gave children all the love your daddy stole from you You were gonna be somebody, be somebody, be somebody new You were gonna be somebody, be somebody, be somebody new You were gonna be somebody, be somebody, be somebody new You were gonna be somebody, be somebody, be somebody new

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