## Vanessa's Father

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Vanessa's father, who liked to be alone

Creating works of art

Which he'd paint in a cottage made of stoneOne day I crept inside, and I was unaware

Of what I was going to find

Well, the pictures they opened up my mindI saw sculptures of young lovers intertwined And on their bodies he had signed his name

And so I left that place

With a different look upon my faceWell, I was fifteen, he had a certain charm

The way he smiled at me

And the way that he'd gently touch my armAnd somehow we would always be alone When it was time to take me home

And so we'd speed through the countryside

In his convertible we'd rideVanessa's father was driving me home at night

And I never said a word

Oh, but somehow we just got hereHer father was driving me home at night When I think back to then

I would count the days till I could go there again
Oh, no, oh, no, oh, noAnother weekend, strange thoughts inside of me
Is it Vanessa whom I am

Really going there to seeI'd smoke a cigarette, I thought so secretly But the door it gently opened

And he stood there smiling down at meThen he pushed me backwards against the wall I looked up 'cos he's so tall

And then he stared into my eyes

And kissed me so hard, I criedVanessa's father was sleeping with me at night

And I never said a word

Oh, but somehow we just got hereHer father, was sleeping with me at night
When I think back to then

I would count the days till I could see him again

Oh, no, oh, no, oh, noThe shaft of light would fall against my skin

That would seem sensual to him

But I am too young to use these qualities You bitch, I must be evil I must be tainted He breathed against the girl he's painted a thousand times

I gave up and put out to himNow this is present time, look back on history

Oh, and it seems so clear

Everything has been planned out for meMy husband smiles at me

Sends love for me to see

I can't regret my past

'Cos Vanessa's father is married to me

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