

# Back When We Were Beautiful

**Emmylou Harris & Rodney Crowell**

I guess you had to be there  
She said you had to be  
She handed me a yellowed photograph  
And then said, see? This was my greatest love  
My one and only love  
And this is me  
Back when we were beautiful  
See I don't feel very different  
She said I know it's strange  
I guess I've gotten used to  
These little aches and pains But I still love to dance  
You know we used to dance  
But night away  
Back when we were beautiful  
Beautiful, yes I hated when they said  
I'm aging gracefully  
I fight it every day  
I guess they never see  
I don't like this at all  
What's happening to me? But I really love my grand kids  
She said they're sweet to hold  
They would have loved their grandpa  
Those awful jokes he told You know sometimes for a laugh  
The two of us would act  
Like we were old  
Back when we were beautiful  
Beautiful, beautiful, beautiful yes But I guess you had to be there

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