Back When We Were Beautiful

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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 donâ€™t feel very different
She said I know itâ€™s strange
I guess Iâ€™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
Iâ€™m aging gracefully
I fight it every day
I guess they never see
I donâ€™t like this at all
Whatâ€™s happening to me?

But I really love my grand kids
She said theyâ€™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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