Beautiful

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Heres a photograph of you in Woody Hermanns band
It was 1952, you were such a handsome man
One of you at a memorial with all of Hoagys clan
And then you and my mother, walking hand in handAnd she was beautiful and you played the piano
You were beautiful upon the keys
The world was beautiful when the two of you were dancing
Beautiful to meYou took a photograph of us, your ladies liberty
My hair was in the breeze then I played Carnegie
Grandmother read the sonnet of Emma Lazarus
Shes only halfway in this picture, you took of all of usAnd she was beautiful and you played the piano
You were beautiful upon the keys
The world was beautiful when the two of you were dancing
Beautiful to meYou were a father to this lonely child though we are not related
You taught me how to write these notes upon a page
You were a soldier for your country in two of our wars
You played piano all your life and you are beautifulAnd she was beautiful and you played the piano
You were beautiful upon the keys
The world was beautiful when the two of you were dancing
Beautiful to me
And you are beautiful to meBeautiful
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Beautiful
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