

# Taxi

## Harry Chapin

It was raining hard in 'Frisco  
I needed one more fare to make my night  
A lady up ahead waved to flag me down  
She got in at the lights  
"Oh, where you going to, my lady blue?"  
It's a shame you ruined your gown in the rain  
She just looked out the window, she said  
"Sixteen Park side Lane"  
Something about her was familiar  
I could swear I'd seen her face before  
But she said, "I'm sure you're mistaken"  
Then she didn't say anything more  
It took a while but she looked in the mirror  
Then she glanced at the license for my name  
A smile seemed to come to her slowly  
It was a sad smile, just the same  
And she said, "How are you, Harry?"  
I said, "How are you, Sue?"  
Through the too many miles and the too little smiles  
I still remember you"  
It was somewhere in a fairy tale  
I used to take her home in my car  
We learned about love in the back of a Dodge  
The lesson hadn't gone too far  
You see, she was gonna be an actress  
And I was gonna learn to fly  
She took off to find the footlights  
I took off to find the sky  
Oh, I've got something inside me  
To drive a princess blind  
There's a wild man, wizard  
He's hiding in me, illuminating my mind  
Oh, I've got something inside me  
But it's not what my life's about  
'Cause I've been letting my outside tide me  
Over till my time runs out  
Baby's so high that she's skying  
Yes she's flying, afraid to fall  
I'll tell you why baby's crying

She's dying, aren't we all?  
There was not much more for us to talk about  
Whatever we had once was gone  
So I turned my cab into the driveway  
Past the gates and the fine trimmed lawns  
And she said, "We must get together"  
But I knew it'd never be arranged  
Then she handed me twenty dollars for a two-fifty fare  
She said, "Harry, keep the change"  
Well another man might have been angry  
And another man might have been hurt  
But another man never would have let her go  
I stashed the bill  
And she walked away in silence  
It's strange how you never know  
But we'd both gotten what we'd asked for  
Such a long, long time ago  
You see, she was gonna be an actress  
And I was gonna learn to fly  
She took off to find the footlights  
And I took off for the sky  
Here, she's acting happy  
And here, she's acting happy  
Inside her handsome home  
And me, I'm flying in my taxi  
Taking tips, getting stoned  
I go flying so high when I'm stoned

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