

I DREAMED A DREAM
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There was a time when girls were kind
When their voices were soft
And their words inviting
There was a time when love was blind
And the world was a song
And the song was exciting
There was a time
It all went wrong

I dreamed a dream of time gone by
When hope was high
And life worth living
I dreamed that love would never die
I dreamed that God would be forgiving

When I was young and unafraid
When dreams were made
And used and wasted
There was no ransom to be paid
No song unsung, no wine un-tasted

But the tigers come at night
With their voices soft as thunder
And they tear your hope apart
As they turn your dream to shame....

She slept this summer by my side
She filled my days with endless wonder
She took my childhood in her stride
But she was gone when autumn came

And still I dream she'll come to me
That we will spend the years together
But there are dreams that cannot be
And there are storms we cannot weather

I had a dream my life would be
So different from this hell I'm living
So different now from what it seemed
But life can't kill
The dream I dreamed

Original lyrics: "Now life has killed the dream I dreamed." Neil, however, replaced these words with: "But life can't kill the dream I dreamed." In doing so, Neil changed this from a song of misery to one of hope.