

**It Could Have Been A Brilliant Career
Belle and Sebastian**

E **A**
He had a stroke at the age of 24
A **E**
It could have been a brilliant career
C#m **B** **A**
Painting lines in a school that was too well known
C#m **B** **A**
Painting lines with a friend that had gone before
E **B**
She challenged everyone to a fight
A **E** **B**
But the prefects all backed down
A **E** **B**
And they ran her out of town
A **E** **B**
Cause she drank and swore and spoke
A **E** **F#**
Out of turn, she was the village joke

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C#m **B** **A**
Getting clients to finance her strategies
C#m **B** **A**
Filling time in on Safeways on Saturday
E **B**
She wears the clothes of an emperor
A **E** **B**
But her paintings are a sham
A **E** **B**
And they re going for a grand
A **E** **B**
When the dealers come to view
A **E** **F#**
Do they ever see the real you?

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A **E**
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C#m **B** **A**
Selling lies to the boys with the old Dansettes
C#m **B** **A**
Pulling the wool, playing the fool, it s no wonder that
B

He is dribbling spit tonight

A E B

And the one he sent away

A E B

Was the only one who stayed

A E B

With a spoon and a decent book

A E B

And you can tell by the way she looks

A E B

he is sorry and resigned

A E F#

As he wets himself for the final time