John
Indigo Girls

John - Beauty Queen Sister - 2011

(words & music by Emily Saliers)

capo on third fret, standard tuning

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G#                                          Eb
John knows to prune the crepe myrtles
F#                         Fm
Before it is their season
G#                          Eb
Before the weather freezes
F#                              Fm
He blows the pipe lines clean

Fm            C#                  G#          Eb
He worked for the fire department
Bbm         Eb
Until his injury
G#                         Eb
Now he puts out the fires
Bbm                    Eb        G#
For the girl from the city

His family s from these parts
Before the white men got there
Grows field corn on his lot
Keeps the road and dead trees cleared

Fm           C#            G#        Eb
He leaves a pile of brushwood
Fm           C#                  G#       Eb
For me to burn, it burns so pretty


John s work is never done
Helping the girl out from the city

Cm                           C#                     G#
His mama goes to the local Baptist church
Cm              C#          G#
His daddy s buried there
Cm              C#                Eb
His daddy did two tours of duty
    Fm                C#
As a gunner in the war
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F#
And was the first
Fm
To greet and treat me like a neighbor

John brings the country to me
The girl from the city

John knows that he could make a killing
Selling rights to fish the trout
To rich city men who come in
Grilling and swilling
So he d rather do without
Still he opens up the gates for me
Atlanta groceries in my SUV

Doesn t take to waste or finery
But takes the girl in from the city

His mama goes to the local Baptist churc
His daddy s buried there
His daddy did two tours of duty
As a gunner in the war
And was the first
To greet and treat me like a neighbor

John brings the country to me
The girl from the city

And he kindly tolerates
The wanderer in me
Who wishes she were from
Somewhere she would rather be
Planting tender shoots
Along a rushing stream
Welt everybody has a dream
The girl from the city