

**John**  
**Indigo Girls**

John - Beauty Queen Sister - 2011

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capo on third fret, standard tuning

**A** **E**

John knows to prune the crepe myrtles

**G** **F#m**

Before it is their season

**A** **E**

Before the weather freezes

**G** **F#m**

He blows the pipe lines clean

**F#m** **D** **A** **E**

He worked for the fire department

**Bm** **E**

Until his injury

**A** **E**

Now he puts out the fires

**Bm** **E** **A**

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

**F#m** **D** **A** **E**

He leaves a pile of brushwood

**F#m** **D** **A** **E**

For me to burn, it burns so pretty

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

**C#m** **D** **A**

His mama goes to the local Baptist church

**C#m** **D** **A**

His daddy s buried there

**C#m** **D** **E**

His daddy did two tours of duty

**F#m** **D**

As a gunner in the war

## G

And was the first

## F#m

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