

Great Compromise

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D
a little girl who was almost a lady
 G D
had a way with all the men in her life
 A
every inch of her blosoms in beauty
 G D
she was born on the forth of july

and she lived in an aluminum house trailer
and she worked in a juke-box saloon
and she spent all the money i d give her
just to see the ol man in the moon

CHORUS:
 D
I used to sleep at the foot of old glory
 G D
and awake in the dawns early light
 G D
but much to my surprise when i opened my eyes
 A D
i was a victim of the great compromise

we used to go out on saturday evening
to the drive in on route fourty one
and it was there that I first discovered
she was doin what she d already done

she said johny would you get me some popcorn
and she knew i had to walk pretty far
and as soon as i walked through the moonlight
she d hopped into a foreign sports car

CHORUS

and you know, i could a beat up that fella
but it was her that hopped in to his car
as many times as i d fought to protect her
well this time she d gone too far

and some folks call me a coward
cause i left her at the drive in that night
but i d rather have names thrown at me
than to fight for a thing that aint right

CHORUS

now she writes all the fellas love letters
sayin please come and see me real soon
and there s a growin line up in the bar-room
to spend a night in that sick womans room

and sometimes i get awful lonesome
and i wish she were my girl instead
but she won t let me live with her
she makes me live in my head

CHORUS

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