

**Shouldve Kept My Eyes Shut**  
**The Beautiful South**

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I should ve kept my eyes shut  
But I had to go and peep  
But when you saw what I saw  
Well, it s hard just to roll back to sleep

I would ve kept me eyes shut  
But I thought I heard you scream  
And I ve a penchant for violence  
You don t seem to find in a dream

The scene a little clearer  
My father with a rope  
And in the cage, centre-stage  
It s mother who s destined to choke

And she choke and we choke  
On the words that we wish we d not spoke  
Just when you felt you had someone to trust  
Up comes the man with a dagger and cloak

I should ve read the novels  
Believed every word  
But the stories they wrote  
Were so different to ones that I d heard

I should ve kept my eyes shut  
My mouth should ve closed  
But the mixture of vomit and blood  
Just crept up through my nose

It became a little clearer  
As soon as I awoke  
My father stands with rope in hand

A screaming mother kneels in hope

And she hope and we hope

That the words that she said won't provoke

A smile is removed and a petal is crushed

What once was a laugh has turned into a joke

You should've kept your mouth shut