

"Charity"

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Young girl so naive

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She is told what to say and what to believe

Patently waiting, anticipating

Her husband-to-be, that's all she seeks, that's
all she's taught she needs

Her family just gives her away to any man

It doesn't matter if she had any other plans

He goes, and she goes, he calls and she
answers

She so helpful, but so helpless from the
moment she took her vows

They move out West to the barren land
where people are barely settled

She follows, 'cause that's all she knows

She was never taught to speak up or to
oppose

She had to do what she had to do

Save herself, save everybody else

And maybe it wasn't right, but she knew she
couldn't spend another night

With him, the future was grim, her chances
were slim

She wasn't living, she was merely surviving

A caged bird in a cage that's slowly dying

An axe in her hand, she delivered the blow

That's what they tell us, that's all we know

How could she have known?

She was a child with a child, barely full grown

No one around to hear a sound or to witness any crime

This wasn't the place, no it wasn't the time

"Help me" a small voice in her mind cried

"What did I do to deserve this suffering?"

"God doesn't hear me when I call his name"

Pray, they say and its all supposed to go away

Chorus

The love that once was has turned to hate

The kisses that she knew ~~was~~ have turned to bruises and broken plates

If she could do it again she wouldn't change a thing

(A) She wanted a better life for her offspring
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was
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chance at

Chorus

That's what they tell us and that's all we'll ever know