

## At seventeen - 1/2

**Interprété par Dht.**

I learned the truth at seventeen  
that love was meant 4 beauty queens  
and high school girls with clear skinned smiles  
who married young and then retired  
the valentines I never knew

the Friday night charades of youth  
were spent on one more beautiful  
at seventeen I learned the truth  
and those of us with ravaged faces  
lacking in social graces

desperately remained at home  
inventing lovers on the phone  
who called to say come dance with me  
and murmured vague obscenities  
it isn't all it seems at seventeen

a brown eyed girl in hand me downs  
whose name I could never pronounce  
said - pity please the ones who serve  
they only get what they deserve  
the rich related hometown queen

marries into what she needs  
with a guarantee of company  
and haven for the elderly  
remember those who win the game  
lose the love they sought to gain

in debentures of quality and dubious integrity  
their small town eyes will gape at you  
in dull surprise when payment due  
exceeds account received at seventeen  
to those of us who knew the pain

of valentines that never came  
and those whose names were never called  
when choosing sides for basketball  
it was long ago and far away  
the world was younger than today

when dreams were all they gave for free  
to ugly duckling girls like me  
we all play the game and when we dare  
to cheat ourselves at solitaire  
inventing lovers on the phone

## At seventeen - 2/2

repenting other lives unknown  
who call and say - come dance with me  
and murmur vague obscenities  
to ugly girls like me, at seventeen