Her momma's still got that sequin gown that she wore in '68 She taught her early how to smile that smile and wave from the parade

It took a whole lot of years and tears For her momma to finally admit No matter how many stitches and pins That old dress was never gonna fit

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Her daddy used to say, "You'll make a lovely bride someday
He'll ride up on big white horse and just carry you away"
It took twenty-five years and some broken vows
Before they'd finally see
There's a little more to love and life
Then fairy tales and hand me down dreams

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Now she's got twenty-seven candles on her cake And she means to make her life her own Before there's twenty-eight

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