## What Was Her Name

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Oh what was her name she used to sit next to me in math Had the saddest eyes I'd ever seen and like me she was only six teen What was her name she was so silent and strange Then the word leaked out and time brought about the truth and t he tragedy began She was only sixteen and married and married to a lawbreaking man And lovin' him and trustin' him as only a young girl can He looked so exciting and different to the eyes of this innocen t child He said I'll marry you and carry you through a life exciting an d wild Oh what was her name I see her so well in my mind Especially that day right after school when I saw her for the 1 ast time The sheriff's car was there she looked so small and alone As they put her inside and drove out of sight I was scared and ran all the way home They were tryin' to make her betray him but she refused to unde rstand How the love of her life could be mixed up with a dirty thievin g man So she never said a word against him and finally they set her f ree When she met him that night she was surprised when he said That's the last time you'll squeal on me When the first bell rang the next morning she was sittin' on th e schoolhouse steps Leaning 'gaist the rail she looked so pale I asked a friend if she was asleep The last bells rang and still she didn't move as we all started to class So June went over to her sayin' come on the last bells has rang That's when she saw the knife in her back oh heck what was her name