

Not a Pretty Girl

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I am not a pretty girl
That is not what I do
I ain't no damsel in distress
And I don't need to be rescued
So put me down punk
Wouldn't you prefer a maiden fair
Isn't there a kitten
Stuck up a tree somewhere

I am not an angry girl
But it seems like
I've got everyone fooled
Every time I say something
They find hard to hear
They chalk it up to my anger
And never to their own fear
And imagine you're a girl
Just trying to finally come clean
Knowing full well they'd prefer
You were dirty
And smiling

And I am sorry
I am not a maiden fair
And I am not a kitten
Stuck up a tree somewhere

And generally my generation
Wouldn't be caught dead
Working for the man
And generally I agree with them
Trouble is you gotta have yourself
An alternate plan
I have earned my disillusionment
I have been working all of my life
And I am a patriot
I have been fighting the good fight
And what if there are
No damsels in distress
What if I knew that
And I called your bluff
Don't you think every kitten
Figures out how to get down
Whether or not you ever show up

I am not a pretty girl
I don't really want to be a pretty girl
I want to be more than a pretty girl