

## Days Of Sand And Shovels

Charley Pride

When I noticed her the first time I was outside running barefoot  
in the rain  
She lived in the house next door her nose was pressed against the  
window pane  
When I looked at her she smiled and showed a place where two teeth  
used to be  
And I heard her ask her mom if she could come outside and play  
with me  
Soon the days of sand and shovels gave way to the mysteries of  
life  
Then I noticed she was changin' and I looked at her through different  
eyes  
We became as one and knew a love without beginning or an end  
Everyday I lived with her was like a new day dawning once again  
And I've loved her since every doll was Shirley Temple soda pop  
was still a nickel  
Jam was on her fingertips milk was circled on her lips

After many years our love grew silent and at night I heard her  
cry  
When she left me in the fall I said that it would be our last  
goodbye  
I was man enough to give her everything she needed for a home  
In searching for a perfect love I found that I could not give her  
a child  
Now she lives a quiet life and is the mother of a little girl  
Everytime I pass her house my thoughts go back into another  
world  
Because I see her little girl her nose is pressed against the  
window pane  
She thinks I'm a lonely man who wants to come inside out of the  
rain  
And I've loved her since...