When I Was A Boy

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I wont forget when Peter Pan Came to my house, took my hand I said, "I was a boy" I'm glad he didn't check

I learned to fly, I learned to fight I lived a whole life in one night We saved each others lives Out on the pirates deck

And I remember that night When I'm leaving a late night with some friends And I hear somebody tell me It's not safe, someone should help me

I need to find a nice man to walk me home When I was a boy I scared the pants off of my mom Climbed what I could climb upon

And I don't know how I survived I guess I knew the tricks that all boys knew And you can walk me home But I was a boy, too

I was a kid that you would like Just a small boy on her bike Riding topless, yeah I never cared who saw

My neighbor come outside To say, "Get your shirt," I said "No way, it's the last time I'm not breaking any law"

And now I'm in this clothing store And the signs say less is more More that's tight means more to see More for them, not more for me That can't help me climb a tree in ten seconds flat

When I was a boy, see that picture? That was me Grass-stained shirt and dusty knees And I know things have gotta change They got pills to sell, they've got implants to put in They've got implants to remove But I am not forgetting That I was a boy too

And like the woods where I would creep It's a secret I can keep Except when I'm tired 'Cept when I'm being caught off guard

And I've had a lonesome awful day The conversation finds its way To catching fire-flies And I so tell the man I'm with About the other life I lived And I say now you're top gun I have lost and you have won And he says, "Oh no, no, can't you see

When I was a girl, my mom And I we always talked And I picked flowers Everywhere that I walked

And I could always cry Now even when I'm alone I seldom do And I have lost some kindness But I was a girl too And you were just like me And I was just like you