

# When I Knew

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I could see the tops of her white socks  
Just beneath the desk  
Her pants didn't reach all the way down her legs  
And you know what happened next  
I said hi politely and we went to time for coffee

Yeah yeah yeah that was when I knew  
That was when I knew I was wrong wrong wrong all along  
That was when I knew, yeah  
That was when I knew

They said we both write weird music  
And she played me Soft Machine  
And lent me a record that badly warped which screwed up everything  
I was broke, just fifteen  
I scoured London for a replacement  
I found it cheap in an Oxford Street basement

Yeah yeah yeah that was when I knew  
That was when I knew I was wrong wrong wrong wrong  
That was when I knew, yeah  
That was when I knew

I met her in my bedroom  
Oh at a party, Halloween  
And she was wearing a pair of overalls  
So I sang "Come On Eileen"  
I was being slightly mean  
And that just made her smile  
Which made me feel childish

Yeah yeah yeah that was when I knew  
That was when I knew I was wrong wrong wrong  
That was when I knew, yeah  
That was when I knew

We played a song for scratch that night  
And when she done up singing  
She just took off, stage left  
And left us there winging it  
The band went down swinging  
As she made her exit, arms in the air  
I caught her eye, I was unprepared

When I couldn't get her out of my head  
So I got her out of hers instead  
No I couldn't get her out of my head  
So I got her out of hers instead  
I know I couldn't get her out of my head  
And then we ended up in...

She glided by on antique roller skates  
And overtook our car  
Just down the street  
Up from where we parked  
Just south of Market  
In the Castro sun she seemed to glisten

And when she spoke I listened

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That was when I knew I was wrong wrong wrong  
That was when I knew, yeah  
That was when I knew