

Madonna w/Child ca. 1969

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Oh the beautiful red-haired
Madonna with child
Sat on the curb wearin' a smile
That doubled up the years

And trebled the miles
And comforts the babe
In the softest of style
She work up in San Francisco

On the day she turned 16
Haight St. was somethin' then
Hey man you should have seen
And she took up with this drummer

In some goodtime Texas scene
And she loved him till the day they
Shipped him back home to Killeen
She said she danced up in North Beach

When the need arose
She's tryin' to start a little trade
Of makin' people clothes
To feed the child and pay the rent

And everybody knows
She's a little hard for 21
But that's the way she goes
She's livin' on next to nothin'

And memories from the past just a fading flower child
Tryin' to make it last
She's got answers to some questions
I would not dare to ask

Survival's never graceful
When the changes come that fast