

## Tea and toast

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Tom was born in 1942  
With eyes of blue  
And the doctors said his birth was far too fast  
His heart stopped twice  
But yet he survived  
As he took his first breathe  
His mother took her last

And his father knew that he wasn't to blame  
But he never quite looked at Tom the same after that  
And he rarely spoke about her  
But when he did  
He said: "Your mother used to say this:

'When the skies are looking bad my dear  
And your heart has lost all it's hope  
After dawn there will be sunshine  
And all the dust will go  
Skies will clear my darling  
I'll wake up with the one I love the most  
And in the morning, I'll make you up  
Some tea and toast'"

Well, they met through a friend  
Who introduced them  
And the first thing Tom said was: "Would you like to dance?"  
They moved with each other and when the music got slower  
He said: "Don't let go of my hand."  
He said: "It's only polite if I ask you tonight  
Would it be alright, if I could walk you home?"  
That night he told of his birth  
And said when it hurt  
He thought about what his mother said about tea and toast

Well, two quick years went by  
They were side by side  
And without a plan, they conceived a little child  
He said: "Woman I love you and this you know  
But I only have enough for our food and clothes  
But I love you and this baby  
Until the day that I die."  
She said: We'll take care of this little life  
And we'll fall in love with her baby blue eyes  
And we'll be alright from some advice that I know."

She said: "I never got to meet her  
But if I did, I'm sure your mother would have said this:

'When the skies are looking bad my dear  
And your heart has lost all it's hope  
After dawn there will be sunshine  
And all the dust will go  
Skies will clear my darling  
We'll show this baby all the love we know  
And in the morning, I'll make you up  
Some tea and toast'"

Well, he took those words  
And he made them proud  
He worked day after day  
And hour after hour  
So that they could buy a little house just on the outside of town  
The little girl grew up and so did they  
They said that they loved each other everyday  
And forty years later, that brings us to now

And as they're walking down the street  
Her grip loosens on his hand  
He puts his arm around her side as she falls to the ground  
He hears her breathing and that's the only sound  
Her body on the floor attracts a worried crowd  
Tears roll off his face as he says "don't let go, now"

And he's sitting by her bed in the hospital ward  
Their daughter walks in with a family of her own  
She says: "Dad, I don't know if she can hear you now  
but there's one thing mum would want you to know:

'When the skies are looking bad my dear  
And your heart has lost all it's hope  
After dawn there will be sunshine  
And all the dust will go  
Skies will clear my darling  
Now it's time for you to let go  
Our girl will wake you up in the morning  
With some tea and toast."