

## Martha Ellen Jenkins

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Martha Ellen Jenkins, how long have I chased  
The boys away from you  
It seems like it was yesterday I turned  
Bill Johnson's green eyes black and blue  
That was back in Grammar School, already  
You had won my heart away  
Martha Ellen Jenkins, I even loved you  
In the second grade

Martha Ellen Jenkins, I remember every time  
You broke my heart  
The eighth grade it was Tommy Joe  
Tommy, he was trouble from the start  
I met him in the schoolyard one afternoon  
When everyone was gone  
Martha Ellen Jenkins, Tommy didn't  
Stay around too long

Martha Ellen Jenkins, how long have the boys  
Been makin' eyes at you  
You've always been a pretty one  
You'd be any fella's gream come true  
All the way through high school it tore  
Me up to watch them as they stared  
Martha Ellen Jenkins, at times  
You didn't notice I was there

Martha Ellen Jenkins, how long have  
I waited for the day to come  
Ever since the second grade I prayed  
That I would be the lucky one  
Now you're walkin' down the aisle  
Just the way I always dreamed you would  
Martha Ellen Jenkins, now I've chased  
The boys away for good  
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