

Great Big World

Ron Pope

She said goodbye to her parents' house
Kissed her Daddy while her mama cried
Boarded a train like a carousel
She hummed the song that the ice cream man played when he drove by
Oh my
My
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She loves Ohio in the summertime

White picket fences offer no defenses
And the children laugh in the streets but that's not all she needs

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There's a great big world out there and there's a place for me in it
Though I'll miss my mother and the friends I know
The light burns out if you wait too long
There's a great big world I see and it's waiting out there for me"

She hits the city with half a tank
In a car she bought from a ring she pawned
She spent the summer by happenstance
There was a boy who could read her thoughts with his deep brown eyes
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But when he'd drink he was a different kind

Though white picket fences shook her defenses
And children danced in her dreams
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I've never felt so alive
I've never been so sure I could learn to fly

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Inside her wallet's a photograph
Of the place she's from and the ones she loves

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