

## Lies

Stan Rogers

At last the kids are gone now for the day  
She reaches for the coffee as the school bus pulls away  
Another day to tend the house and plan  
For Friday at the Legion when she's dancing with her man

Sure was a bitter winter but Friday will be fine  
And maybe last year's Easter dress will serve her one more time  
She'd pass for twenty nine but for her eyes  
But winter lines are telling wicked lies

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Is this the face that won for her the man  
Whose amazed and clumsy fingers put that ring upon her hand  
No need to search that mirror for the years  
The menace in their message shouts across the blur of tears

So this is beauty's finish! Like Rodin's "Belle Heaulmie're"  
The pretty maiden trapped inside the ranch wife's toil and care  
Well, after seven kids, that's no surprise  
But why cannot her mirror tell her lies

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Then she shakes off the bitter web she wove  
And turns to set the mirror, gently, face down by the stove  
She gathers up her apron in her hand  
Pours a cup of coffee, drips Carnation from the can

And thinks ahead to Friday, 'cause Friday will be fine!  
She'll look up in that weathered face that loves hers, line for  
line  
To see that maiden shining in his eyes  
And laugh at how her mirror tells her lies

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