Long were the nights
When the days once revolved around you
Counting my footsteps,
Prayin' the floor won't fall through, again
My mother accused me of losing my mind
But I swore I was fine

You paint me a blue sky and go back And turn it to rain
And I lived in your chess game
But you changed the rules every day
Wonderin' which version of you
I might get on the phone, tonight
Well I stopped pickin' up
And this song is to let you know why

Dear John,
I see it all now that you're gone
Don't you think I was too young
To be messed with
The girl in the dress
Cried the whole way home
I shoulda known

Well maybe it's me
And my blind optimism to blame
Maybe it's you and your sick need
To give love then take it away
And you'll add my name
To your long list of traitors
Who don't understand
And I'll look back in regret
How I ignored when they said
Run as fast as you can

Dear John,
I see all it now that you're gone
Don't you think I was too young
To be messed with
The girl in the dress
Cried the whole way home

Dear John,
I see it all now it was wrong
Don't you think nineteen's too young
To be played by your dark twisted games
When I loved you so
I shoulda known

You are an expert at sorry
And keeping lines blurry
And never impressed by me
Acing your tests
All the girls that you run dry
Have tired lifeless eyes
Cuz you burned them out
But I took your matches

Before fire could catch me So don't look now I'm shining like fireworks Over your sad empty town

Oh woah oh

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Cried the whole way home
I see all it now that you're gone
Don't you think I was too young
To be messed with
The girl in the dress
Wrote you a song
You should've known
You shoulda known
Don't you think I was too young
You shoulda known