

# What Mattered Most

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I thought I knew the girl so well  
If she was sad I couldn't tell  
I missed the point, I missed the signs  
So if she's gone the fault is mine  
I know, I know  
A whole lot of little things  
And even though  
I could list them one by one  
She would still be gone

Her eyes are blue  
Her hair is long  
In '64  
She was born in Baton Rouge  
Her favorite song  
Is "In My Life"  
I memorized her every move  
I knew her books, her car, her clothes  
But I paid no attention  
To what mattered most

I never asked, she never said  
And when she cried I turned my head  
She dreamed her dreams behind closed doors  
That made them easy to ignore  
And I know, I know  
I missed the forest for the trees  
And all I have to show  
Oh when she walked out the door  
Cold facts and nothing more

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Her eyes are blue  
Her hair is long  
In '64  
She was born in Baton Rouge  
Her father's tall  
Her mother's gone  
She moved out west when she was two  
The way she laughed  
The way she loved  
Oh my God  
What did I do?