

## Real Life

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I was young, he was old  
An' we both were the same age  
Everyday, playin' fetch  
Shakin' hands, he'd lick my face

And I was unaware  
The day would come  
An' when he died, for the first time  
I knew what real pain was

And I never was the same again  
From that moment on, real life began

Senior high, girlfriends  
Football games, graduation  
Summer break, spend my time  
Fillin' out applications

A few superficial years went by  
They were all a blur  
And in the most unlikely situation  
There you were, yeah

And I never was the same again  
From that moment on, real life began  
With you, with you

By your side, scared to death  
Felt the pain you were fightin'  
Placed my palm on your head  
Spoke your name, just keep tryin'

An' then you closed your eyes  
An' took one last breath  
And when it was over, you looked up  
Laid our baby across your breast

And I never was the same again  
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