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## Colvin Shawn ''The Story''

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Well we pounded the pavement between dotted lines But we always belonged to the fugitive kind We were never the best but we were better than this To be made to bow down among princes I got thrown around hallways and bedrooms and towns And you run from that voice and it drags you around It don't matter the ruse or the weapons we choose There is only one thing that can free us

Oh so here I am The lion and the lamb I was born to be telling this story I could only be telling this story I will always be telling this story

Well our father married our mother too young And he took on a world like a fortunate son But in the cellar downstairs waiting for the bomb scare He would hide from us under the kitchen Where she simmered so soft with her weapons of tin And like so many suppers she just gave us to him And he never did guess in her cast iron dress She was burning beyond recognition

Oh it's not over yet I can't forget I am going to be telling this story I was born to be telling this story I will always be telling this story Sometimes I feel so reckless and wild Sometimes I feel like a motherless child I gave nobody life, I am nobody's wife And I seem to be nobody's daughter So red is the color that I like the best It's your Indian skin and the badge on my chest The heat of my pride The lips of a bride The sad heart of the truth And the flag of youth And blood that is thicker than water

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