

## Dory Previn

# "The New Enzyme Detergent Demise of Ali MacGraw"

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Mine was a Wednesday death  
One afternoon  
at approximately three-fifteen  
I gave up and died  
and nobody cried

Mine was a bloodless death  
Not grim  
Not gory  
More like  
Ali MacGraw's new enzyme  
detergent demise in "love story"  
Neat and tidy  
unlike Christ's on Friday

Friends were fooled  
by the fact  
I still breathed  
And I spoke  
And I smiled  
And I lied  
in my handy dandy  
imitation life disguise kit  
I sent away for it  
The styrofoam face  
fits so neatly in place  
with the pre-recorded voice  
of your choice  
and it almost sounds read  
it's a guaranteed deal  
And you don't feel a thing  
And you can teach it to sing  
And all your friends  
Are deceived  
And nobody grieves

Mine was a Wednesday death  
One afternoon  
at approximately three-fifteen  
I was quietly  
laid to rest

And nobody guessed

A handy disposable heart  
marks time in a plastic breast  
And so it goes  
And nobody knows  
I am  
non  
bio-degradable.

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