

## Guy Clark

# "Madonna With Child Nineteen Sixty Nine"

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Oh the beautiful red-haired  
Madonna with child  
Sat on the curb wearin' a smile  
That doubled up the years  
And trebled the miles  
And comforts the babe  
In the softest of style  
She work up in San Francisco  
On the day she turned 16  
Haight St. was somethin' then  
Hey man you should have seen  
And she took up with this drummer  
In some goodtime Texas scene  
And she loved him till the day they  
Shipped him back home to Killeen  
She said she danced up in North Beach  
When the need arose  
She's tryin' to start a little trade  
Of makin' people clothes  
To feed the child and pay the rent

And everybody knows  
She's a little hard for 21  
But that's the way she goes  
She's livin' on next to nothin'  
And memories from the past just a fading flower child  
Tryin' to make it last  
She's got answers to some questions  
I would not dare to ask  
Survival never graceful  
When the changes come that fast

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