

Janis Joplin

"Port Arthur High School Reunion"

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What do you think about your town since you've left
and come back ?

It's fantastic! I was across the river from the club last
night, I never had more fun in my life! except
sometimes in california I have more fun.

Do you plan to come back soon ?

Oh ? er, er, er, I have no immediate plans, ha ha ha!!

Did you entertain in high school, at the high school,
when you went back at the high school ?

Only when I walked down the aisles, man. no, I did, no,
I was, er, I was a painter, and a sort of a recluse in high
school. I've changed.

What happened ?

I got liberated! I don't know, I just started to sing and
singing makes you want to come out because painting,
I feel, keeps you inside, you know ? and once you start
singing you just sort of wa
O talk to people more and go out more and, you know,
your lifestyle's becomes more a come-out, flow-out
thing instead of a hold-it-and-be-quiet type.

How were you different from your schoolmates when
you were a teenager ?

I don't know, why don't you ask them ?

Did they make you different ?

No.

Otherwise were you different in comparison with them,
or were you ?

I felt apart from them.

Did you take a part in football games ?

I think not. I didn't go to the high school prom, and er ...

Oh, you were asked, weren't you ?

No, I wasn't. I don't think, I don't think they wanted to
take me. till I'll be a hundred and sufferin'! it's enough
to make you wanna sing the blues!

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