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"Alice Carry"

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My name is Alice Carry and I was born in Oklahoma
I lived in McAlester when I was just a little girl
When I came to California I was seventeen and pretty
I wanted to be in the movies and shake out of this little
world

Santa Monica Boulevard rolls down to the ocean
I'd go down from Hollywood to ride the ferris wheel
That's where I met my Henry it was like I'd known that
man forever
He'd say hey hey Oklahoma and he'd let me ride for
free

There's no dividing line between water and sky
Here's a picture of my Henry and I
Down on the pier off of Lincoln Avenue
I loved Henry and he loved me too

I worked at the Cameo In the district down on Broadway
Selling ice cream and candy and tickets to the matinee
On Saturdays and some Thursdays oh Hank would
come to see me
He'd say hey hey Oklahoma and I'd let him in for free

We were married in the winter you know those
summers in San Francisco
I was with child and happy then to take the long way
home
Then somewhere between the mountains and the bay
we raised a family
I never looked back on my life until I woke up here
alone

Some folks remember hard times and have regrets
about decisions
What could have been or should have been and
dreams that don't come true
But I believe your days are set in stone way before
you're born dear
Some of us are lucky and some of us just make do

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