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"Sarah"

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1997 Livid Festival
Me and Sarah my best friend
Stripy tights and fairy wings
As safe as safe can be

We drank the gin we'd snuck in
Danced to Ben Folds Five
I turned around to Sarah
Couldn't see her anywhere
As safe as safe can be

Oh Sarah, I didn't mean to let you down
But you left me on my own, Sarah
Why didn't you scream?

I went to all the stages
And to the St John's stand
The man said 'you just missed her
Stay - maybe she'll come back again'
I sat and watched the crowds

My father came at midnight
We searched til half-past four
I was half hysterical
My father wasn't sure
He called for the police

Oh Sarah, I didn't mean to let you down
But you left me on my own
Sarah
Why didn't you scream? Why didn't you shout?

The next day the sergeant
Found her blue dress in the creek
Her parents were so angry
They put the blame on me

Then a fortnight later
Sarah knocked upon their door
Her mother asked her 'Where've you been?'
and she said

'I don't know, I don't know, I'm not sure.
I'm not sure, I can't remember
anything at all.'

Oh Sarah, I'm sorry if I let you down
But you left me on my own
Sarah
Why didn't you scream? Why didn't you shout?

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