

## **Kristin Lems**

### **"Marynell"**

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Marynell, I did not know you very well  
Marynell hello, how have you been?  
Now nine years later here we sit  
To hear this singer tell of it  
And all those years drift back to me again.  
I was lonely, you were probably lonely too  
But in those days, I never would have known  
High School kept us all apart  
And we did not know how to start  
To cut through the defenses we had grown.  
The earliest of stirrings were already born inside  
That, later on, would grow to greater length  
We marched against the war, and Dr. King had not yet  
died  
But we had not begun to test our strength.  
How strange it passed, all those changes came so fast  
As each new action burned upon our souls

It was a time to raise your voice, to try and make a  
moral choice  
With freedom and equality our goals.  
Marynell, I still don't know you very well  
But we're part of something greater than ourselves.  
Those restless days not far behind,  
You at your school and I at mine  
We took home more than books now on our shelves  
I have the same convictions that I first knew back in  
school  
Though quieter, they're with me everywhere  
Though days of rage are silent now, these times are no  
less cruel  
Tell me Marynell, do you still care?  
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