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## **Lauren Christy** "Vanessa's Father"

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Vanessa's father, who liked to be alone Creating works of art Which he'd paint in a cottage made of stone

One day I crept inside, and I was unaware Of what I was going to find Well, the pictures they opened up my mind

I saw sculptures of young lovers intertwined And on their bodies he had signed his name And so I left that place With a different look upon my face

Well, I was fifteen, he had a certain charm The way he smiled at me And the way that he'd gently touch my arm

And somehow we would always be alone When it was time to take me home And so we'd speed through the countryside In his convertible we'd ride

Vanessa's father was driving me home at night And I never said a word Oh, but somehow we just got here

Her father was driving me home at night When I think back to then I would count the days till I could go there again Oh, no, oh, no, oh, no

Another weekend, strange thoughts inside of me Is it Vanessa whom I am Really going there to see

I'd smoke a cigarette, I thought so secretly But the door it gently opened And he stood there smiling down at me

Then he pushed me backwards against the wall I looked up 'cos he's so tall And then he stared into my eyes

And kissed me so hard, I cried

Vanessa's father was sleeping with me at night And I never said a word Oh, but somehow we just got here

Her father, was sleeping with me at night When I think back to then I would count the days till I could see him again Oh, no, oh, no, oh, no

The shaft of light would fall against my skin That would seem sensual to him But I am too young to use these qualities

You bitch, I must be evil I must be tainted He breathed against the girl he's painted a thousand times I gave up and put out to him

Now this is present time, look back on history Oh, and it seems so clear Everything has been planned out for me

My husband smiles at me Sends love for me to see I can't regret my past 'Cos Vanessa's father is married to me

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