Loudon Wainwright Iii "TonyaÂ's Twirls"

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You knew she was in trouble
When you saw her bodyguard
When you saw those two together
You knew it wasn't hard
To see that she was different not just one of the girls
With their gliding and their sliding
And their pirouettes and twirls

Then it turned out that she smoked and drank & posed practically nude & she didn't smile all of the time
She got angry & was crude
No she wasn't goody two-skates ILike all the other girls

With their grinning andd their spinning

And their winning little twirls

And her childhood was unhappy, her mom was really weird

Her husband liked to hit her but it was poverty she feared

She grew up in a trailer park not like most other girls With their gliding & their sliding & their whirling little twirls

Yes they all look like princesses like Barbies to the core
But she was your parents' worst nightmare
The slut who moved next door
From the wrong side of the tracks
She liked the boys more than the girls
With their gliding & their sliding
& their girlish dainty twirls

And it seemed like she was lying
About what she didn't know
& then she started crying in the media side show
In practice she kept falling down more than the other
girls
With their gliding & their sliding
& their picture perfect twirls

And they almost towed her truck away The whole thing was a drag

Forget about Campbell's soup and Reebok
Wheaties or the flag
Ah, there'll be books she'll make some money
That's what they're after all these girls
With their selling kiss & telling & their twisted little
twirls

So play the national anthem stand up proud & tall Oh we hope that ours don't stumble & that theirs slip & fall

Remember Olga Korbut what happens to these girls With their triple flips & axels & somersaults & twirls

Ice used to be a nice thing when you laced up figure skates

Now it's a thing to win a medal on for the United States But once there were no lutzes axels pirouettes or twirls Just giddy slipping sliding laughing happy little girls

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