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Romane Serda "My Mother's Clothes"

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(This song came out of my first public drag experience at the age

Of 25, which brought back many memories of earlier private

Experiences. For my mother, who still has more pairs of shoes

Than any drag queen I know. -RR)

I remember dressing up in my mother's clothes

She had hordes of high-heeled shoes

And plenty of pairs of pantyhose

She had wigs to make me look a thousand different ways

And blouses made of silk and lace and evening gowns for days

My mother's clothes, my mother's clothes

All my dreams came true in my mother's clothes

I remember dressing up in my mother's clothes

In the woods behind my house we'd have our fashion shows

Secretly we'd gather all the old things she'd dispatch And soon we'd have a wardrobe with accessories to match

My mother's clothes, my mother's clothes

All my dreams came true in my mother's clothes

We could be a princess from a fairy tale

Or Florence Nightingale

Curing all disease in our mother's clothes

We could be Miss Lois Lane (Oh, Superman)

Or even Tarzan's Jane

Swinging through the trees in our mother's clothes

We could be a beauty queen (There she is)

Or Mary Magdalene

Sinners we'd forsake in our mother's clothes

(I don't know how to love him!)

We could be Petula Clark (Downtown)

Or even Joan of Arc

Burning at the stake in our mother's clothes

Until we learned it's not okay

For a boy to dress that way

Not allowed to fantasize

We become desensitized

To all our waking dreams And the endless possibilities Of roles that we can play Now some of us still dress up in our mothers' clothes And some of us just like to watch and some look down their nose But we've all got an image that we want to convey And drag is something each of us does every single day

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