

## Dave Carter and Tracy Grammer

### "Phantom Doll"

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raggedy ann came out to play  
kittened a thin disguise against the day  
painted a face across the mask  
victim of the looking glass:  
store windows are cruel  
mannequin charms outshine her own  
running away from her reflection home  
hangin her head behind the door  
sleepin on the kitchen floor

in glorious dreams  
she walks outside her skin  
her face so fine, her waist so thin  
her voice like chimes and mandolins  
beautiful phantom doll  
saturday night on circus street  
beating a long and ill-conceived retreat  
carnival barkers bar her way  
she never hears a word they say

in glorious dreams  
she strolls, the boys beseech  
the venus queen of venice beach  
so near, so ever out of reach  
beautiful phantom doll

midnight, the struggle is over  
rise up, lily-white delicate shoulders  
outside, the poets all know her  
all of her children are waiting,

beggars and wrecks line junkyard lanes  
tiffany slippers click-clack through the rain  
rickety bones and sheer chiffon  
dancin on the mayor's lawn

in glorious dreams  
they glide through gilded rooms  
the drakes and gravely pale dragoons  
the wasted daughters of the moon  
beautiful phantom doll

raggedy andy wrote this song  
scribbled it here where oceans meet the dawn  
scuttled away on hansen claws  
cinderella sailors draw

on glorious dreams  
sunrise, she spins her spells  
on rising tides of wishing wells  
on aphrodite lotus shells  
beautiful phantom doll

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