

## Stacey Earle "No New Shoes"

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No new shoes today  
She wears the same ones as yesterday  
And the day before  
Her red dress zipped up half her back  
Any further might leave the track  
As silver threads of Rik n' Rak spun around the floor

If she'd squint her eyes a' tight enough  
Quicksilver turned to diamonds in the rough  
Spreading out the fairy dust  
Through the kitchen, down the hall  
Build a mansion with them great big tall walls  
Dressed up like a Baby Doll, it's tea for two

And it was all that  
She didn't know  
Not what she didn't have  
All could only leave her  
Room to grow  
If only she knew what she had

A little late for sweet sixteen, at least she  
Made it to the ball, and as she bowed before the queen  
Queen said "Gearle, have a sit, but  
Wear the shoe only if it fits"  
Then, laughed at her own quick wit  
She was over thrown and frostbit'  
Standing there with a hole in her soul  
She left, bare to the bone  
I guess her feet grew cold

Running out of time  
Why, she ran like mad  
She ran, she ran  
For more than she had  
Running harder, trying to leave it all behind her  
She ran so far, so nothing could find her  
Running till she ran right out of herself  
Oh, she ran right into somebody else

