

Nanci Griffith

"Beautiful"

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Here's a photograph of you in Woody Hermann's band
It was 1952, you were such a handsome man
One of you at a memorial with all of Hoagy's clan
And then you and my mother, walking hand in hand

And she was beautiful and you played the piano
You were beautiful upon the keys
The world was beautiful when the two of you were
dancing
Beautiful to me

You took a photograph of us, your ladies liberty
My hair was in the breeze then I played Carnegie
Grandmother read the sonnet of Emma Lazarus
She's only halfway in this picture, you took of all of us

And she was beautiful and you played the piano
You were beautiful upon the keys
The world was beautiful when the two of you were
dancing
Beautiful to me

You were a father to this lonely child though we are not
related
You taught me how to write these notes upon a page
You were a soldier for your country in two of our wars
You played piano all your life and you are beautiful

And she was beautiful and you played the piano
You were beautiful upon the keys
The world was beautiful when the two of you were
dancing
Beautiful to me
And you are beautiful to me

Beautiful
Beautiful
Beautiful

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