

## **Nanci Griffith "Pearl's Eye View"**

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Oh, she was high up there in the air  
Caught still by a soldier's stare  
Whenever it was men amongst men  
Down upon the land

And she followed those Mothers' sons  
She felt the thunder of their guns  
From a pearl's eye view  
Just a camera in her hand

She was born Georgette but the name  
Didn't suit her well  
So, she blew out of Wisconsin as Dickey Chapelle

Oh, she flew with a pilot's pride  
The first witness to either side  
She carried relief to the lost ones  
Between the bombs

And we saw it all through her lens  
Well, she knew she'll go back again  
When the call rang out  
Once more from Vietnam

She's been through this before  
She'll tell you war is hell  
Her pearl earrings caught the light  
On Dickey Chapelle

Oh, that's the way it was  
She was the only one to tell  
In 1962, she blew the  
Whistle loud and clear

And now, we trace her wings  
In her footsteps without fear  
To the front lines where she fell  
Where she lies still but she's still there

Oh, it was 1965 over  
Chu Lai in a free fall dive  
In a dawn patrol to cover

The dead zone ground

She tiptoed through the land mines  
All along the enemy lines  
But she never saw the one  
That took her down

Now, she captured  
The bloody pearls of war so well  
That war was bound to steal the end

Of Dickey Chapelle  
(From a pearl's eye view)  
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