

## **Patty Larkin**

# **"Johnny Was a Pyro"**

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Johnny was a pyro and he acted like a baby  
Wanted all this attention I couldn't give  
Drink a bottle of hard stuff, say I love you now save me  
Just a big guy with a funny sense of sin

And the neighbor down the block in his underwear and  
socks  
Keeping track of the losses and wins with his wife  
Hanging out the window wondering which way the wind  
blows  
As I fumble the key in the lock again, singing

Oh me, what am I doing with this ring on my hand?  
Oh me, if this is the good life who's choosin' it?  
Oh me, mama's best woman and daddy's best man  
Oh me, I'm highly in danger of losin' it

Johnny was a pyro and he acted like a baby  
Got a phone call from the wild almost every night  
Well, he loved me but he really loved looking past me  
to the ladies  
He was much too good looking for his height

We were a couple of kids crawling out of the crib  
Talking about the positives and the negatives of wine  
Living our lives just like Hemingway did  
But he was lucky, he was a genius most the time

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He was sideswiped by the clue bus when it came to  
talking two of us  
And the whole thing ended ugly, I guess  
You can put your cards out on the table but if nobody  
wants to play  
Well, you haven't got a game, you got a mess

And I was looking at the judge leaning on my lawyer  
like a crutch

And the judge said what happened and why?  
I said, "Johnny was a pyro and he acted like a baby"  
Now there's nothing like the sound of good bye

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