

The Handsome Family

"Beautiful William"

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one morning in May
in a milk-white convertible drove slowly away

Beautiful William with curling black hair
gold rings on his fingers as he held to the wheel

Was he given a package by a man on the train?
We found his car by the roadside later that day

mirrored sunglasses, roses and wine
laid on the empty seat, as he slowly drove by

He left his lights burning. He left his perfect lawn
His automatic sprinklers about to switch on

Did he find a black glove on the cliffs by the bay?
Why would he leave us, why would he leave us this way?

he drove through the town with a smile on his face
waving to everyone as he went on his way

Polly from Red River. Rose from Green Falls
they drove to his house and they lay on the lawn

Was he stopped in the airport by a man with a cane?

We found his car by the roadside later that day

Rose smashed his windows till the glass was all gone
Polly broke the back door and she screamed down the hall

but no answer sounded but wind flying through
as we tore up the green lawn and torched all the rooms

Did he find a white glove in the pines by the lake?
Why would he leave us, why would he leave us this way?

