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"She took a lot of pills"

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With her drop-dead looks and her little-girl charm
Everybody thought she'd go far
And at 20 years old she was rich as could be
And a world-famed Hollywood star.
With the big parts coming and the sweethearts, too,
Life was a hell of a ride
But her star soon fell and her body got old
So she took a lot of pills and died.

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While the traffic crawled by in the street outside
She was sitting in her kitchenette
Listening to the scuttle of the rats in the wall
And staring at her TV set.
She once might have been too proud to be found
in a hovel on the lower East Side
But nothing in the world seemed to matter much now
So she took a lot of pills and died.

Now she hasn't been seen on the silver screen
And she never may be again
But every once in a while at the far end of the dial
You can see her how she was back then.
In a soft close-up, with her hair backlit,
She seemed to glow inside
Yeah, but something went wrong, 'cause forty years on
She took a lot of pills and died.

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