

Sandy Denny

"Candle in The Wind"

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Goodbye, Norma Jean
Though I never knew you at all
You had the grace to hold yourself
While those around you crawled

They crawled out of the woodwork
And they whispered into your brain
They set you on the treadmill
And they made you change your name

And it seems to me you lived your life
Like a candle in the wind
Never knowing who to cling to
When the rain set in

And I would have liked to have known you
But I was just a kid
Your candle burned out long before
Your legend ever did

Loneliness was tough
The toughest role you ever played
Hollywood created a superstar
And pain was the price you paid

Even when you died
The press still hounded you
All the papers had to say
Was that Marilyn was found in the nude

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Goodbye, Norma Jean
Though I never knew you at all

You had the grace to hold yourself
While those around you crawled

Goodbye, Norma Jean
From the young man in the twenty-second row
Who sees you as something more than just sexual
More than just our Marilyn Monroe

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