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"Loneliness in Ruby's Eyes"

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THEY SAY SHE CAME ALL THE WAY FROM DALLAS
BUT I SEE MORE THAN TEXAS IN THE HARD TIMES ON
HER FACE
AND EVERY SONG SHE SINGS BRINGS BACK A
HUNDRED THOUSAND MEMORIES
OF ANOTHER GIRL, ANOTHER TIME, ANOTHER PLACE

SHE DOES NOT HAVE THE BODY OF THE WOMAN I ONCE
LOVED
BUT SHE'S STILL THE GIRL THAT I ONCE IDOLIZED
AND, I SWEAR, I SEE A LITTLE BIT OF EVERY GIRL I'VE
KNOWN
IN THE LONELINESS OF RUBY'S EYES, IN THE
LONELINESS OF RUBY'S EYES

KINFOLKS SAY SHE'S HAD A LOT OF LOVERS
AND LOVE DON'T LEAVE A WOMAN FILLED WITH SHAME
AND I'VE HEARD TELL SHE HAD A CHILD IN DALLAS
AND ALL THE MEN IN HOUSTON KNOW HER NAME

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