

## **Tammy Cochran**

### **"Life Happened"**

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From the time she was thirteen  
Julie Thompson had a dream  
That someday she would see her name in lights  
And after every high school play  
The grown-ups all would say  
That Julie's future sure is looking bright

Well, I saw her selling videos at a store in Eastland Mall  
I said, "Why aren't you in Hollywood taking casting  
calls?"  
She handed me my change and started laughing

And said, "Life happened  
Me and Bobby Chapman fell in love  
Daddy passed away and the babies came  
And drama school was just too much  
Now there's little league and mouths to feed  
And I direct the kindergarten Christmas Pageant  
Life happened"

Curtis had an old Chevelle  
The cops knew that car well  
He never lost a race on Windy Hollow road  
By the time he turned eighteen  
He was a Georgia Dirt Track King  
Proudly sponsored by the local Texaco

I bumped into him at Murphy's bar and he ordered us a  
round  
I said, "Why aren't you in Rockingham chasing Gordon  
down?"  
He killed his drink, tore the corners off his napkin

And said, "Life happened  
I was driving home from Athens late one night  
A trucker fell asleep and swapped paint with me  
Said, I rolled that van at least five times  
Now I thank my stars and I sell used cars  
And I teach drivers education at St. Catherine's  
Yeah, life happened"

I saw the rest of my old friends

At our reunion at the Holiday Inn  
And it seemed like it was only yesterday  
Standing in the gym in our cap and gown  
Full of wanderlust and glory bound  
We set out to chase our dreams on wings of passion  
But somewhere along the way we got distracted  
Life happened

Our clothes went out of fashion with our songs  
We started families and bought SUV's  
Became step-dads and soccer-moms  
I finally realized we turned out alright  
And we spent the night just catching up and dancing  
And life happened

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