

Tom T. Hall

"Shoes And Dress That Alice Wore"

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I'm humming as I walk this house and do my daily
chores
When I put the broom away I see the dress that Alice
wore
It's hanging in the closet sadly sagging without form
Empty dress there in the closet held a body soft and
warm
Shoes and dress that Alice wore

It's the dress she wore the night she caught me lying
there beside
Some strange woman meaning nothing just some
bones and hair and hide
I could not explain it to her and I cannot to this day
Now I stand here staring at the dress she wore to go
away
Shoes and dress that Alice wore

And the shoes are red and shiny and they're modest in
the heel
And the dress a bad investment and the color could be
teal
She went screaming from the room where I lay blinking
in the nude
With the woman there beside me saying ain't this
woman rude
Shoes and dress that Alice wore

So, I asked the undertaker in a private kind of way
Before you close the casket when our friends have
gone away
If it's not too strange to reason I would make one last
request
Since it all goes in the ground I'd like to have the shoes
and dress
Shoes and dress that Alice wore

So, I'm humming as I walk this house

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