

It Was a Very Good Year

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Em Am6 Bm(½) G(½) B7

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When I was seventeen, it was a very good year;

Em(½) Em/F#(½) G
It was a very good year for small town girls

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And soft summer nights;

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We'd hide from the lights on the village green

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When I was seventeen.

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When I was twenty-one, it was a very good year;
It was a very good year for city girls
Who lived up the stairs
With perfumed hair that came undone
When I was twenty-one.

When I was thirty-five, it was a very good year;
It was a very good year for blue-blooded girls
Of independent means;
We're ride in limousines that their chauffeurs would drive
When I was thirty-five.

And now the days are short, I'm in the autumn of my years,
And now I think of my life as vintage wines
In fine old kegs;
From the brim to the dregs, they pour sweet and clear...
It was a very good year.