

# Taxi

## Harry Chapin

It was raining hard in 'Frisco  
I needed one more fare to make my night  
A lady up ahead waved to flag me down  
She got in at the light "Oh where you going to, my lady blue  
It's a shame you ruined your gown in the rain"  
She just looked out the window  
She said, "Sixteen Parkside Lane" Something about her was familiar  
I could swear I'd seen her face before  
But she said, "I'm sure you're mistaken"  
And she didn't say anything more It took a while, but she looked in the mirror  
And she glanced at the license for my name  
A smile seemed to come to her slowly  
It was a sad smile, just the same  
And she said, "How are you Harry?"  
I said, "How are you Sue?"  
Through the too many miles and the too little smiles  
I still remember you. "It was somewhere in a fairy tale  
I used to take her home in my car  
We learned about love in the back of the Dodge  
The lesson hadn't gone too far You see she was gonna be an actress  
And I was gonna learn to fly  
She took off to find the footlights  
And I took off to find the sky Oh, I've got something inside me  
To drive a princess blind  
There's a wild man, wizard  
He's hiding in me, illuminating my mind.  
Oh, I've got something inside me  
But it's not what my life's about,  
Cause I've been letting my outside tide me  
Over 'till my time, runs out Baby's so high that she's skying  
Yes she's flying, afraid to fall  
I'll tell you why baby's crying  
Cause she's dying, aren't we all There was not much more for us to talk about  
Whatever we had once was gone  
So I turned my cab into the driveway  
Past the gate and the fine trimmed lawns And she said we must get together  
But I knew it'd never be arranged  
And she handed me twenty dollars for a two fifty fare  
She said, "Harry, keep the change." Well another man might have been angry  
And another man might have been hurt  
But another man never would have let her go  
I stashed the bill in my shirt And she walked away in silence

It's strange how you never know  
But we'd both gotten what we'd asked for  
Such a long, long time ago You see she was gonna be an actress  
And I was gonna learn to fly  
She took off to find the footlights  
And I took off for the sky And here, she's acting happy  
Inside her handsome home  
And me, I'm flying in my taxi  
Taking tips and getting stoned I go flying so high, when I'm stoned

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