

# Not a Pretty Girl

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I am not a pretty girl  
That is not what I do  
I ain't no damsel in distress  
And I don't need to be rescued  
So put me down punk  
Wouldn't you prefer a maiden fair  
Isn't there a kitten  
Stuck up a tree somewhere

I am not an angry girl  
But it seems like  
I've got everyone fooled  
Every time I say something  
They find hard to hear  
They chalk it up to my anger  
And never to their own fear  
And imagine you're a girl  
Just trying to finally come clean  
Knowing full well they'd prefer  
You were dirty  
And smiling

And I am sorry  
I am not a maiden fair  
And I am not a kitten  
Stuck up a tree somewhere

And generally my generation  
Wouldn't be caught dead  
Working for the man  
And generally I agree with them  
Trouble is you gotta have yourself  
An alternate plan  
I have earned my disillusionment  
I have been working all of my life  
And I am a patriot  
I have been fighting the good fight  
And what if there are  
No damsels in distress  
What if I knew that  
And I called your bluff  
Don't you think every kitten  
Figures out how to get down  
Whether or not you ever show up

I am not a pretty girl  
I don't really want to be a pretty girl  
I want to be more than a pretty girl