

Did Your Best

Nova Rockafeller

At school he couldn't do the work, the kids all called him retarded
He got a job in a warehouse where he packed and cut carpet
And he never moved up, and he never fell in love
He's 50, but really 12, thinking 'bout giving up
She married young and always felt like she'd gotten too deep
Started feeling like her only way out was to cheat
Her friends all villainized, they didn't see she was weak
It's been 20 years, and it still breaks her heart that they don't speak
He was a rockstar in small bars
Until his gigs weren't paying bills, he had his daughter in the car
And he knew he had to make the choice to put down his guitar
And every day he wonders if he could've been a star

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I know you have nothing left
But there's more to you than the wars you lose, you'll see

Diagnosed with Parkinson's, it's something she lived with
Was strong and independent, now relies on her children
Her voice shakes when she speaks, she's embarrassed, she hates to talk
And every day she wakes up wondering if new parts of her are lost
He got her pregnant before he could finish school
He got busy, acting dumb 'cause he didn't know what to do
He ignored he had a girl till her mother stopped calling too
On his deathbed he wished for the daughter he never knew
She loved her family: two girls and two boys
Husband in the garage, she yelled she's sick of the noise
And then one day he's out riding and he dies in a crash
Now she'd do anything to have the buzz of his saw

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