

# String of Pearls

Soul Asylum

**A**

She swings a string of pearls on the corner

**E**

The street lights reflect the light in the water

**D**

The string it snaps and the pearls go sailing

**E**

And they splash and bounce and roll cross the wet street

**A**

As she bends to chase the pearls a car swings round the corner

**E**

She darts from the eyes of the panic-struck driver

**D**

Who's racing to the delivery room

**E**

'cause in the back seat his wife is busting out of her womb

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**A**

And the sack breaks and out come the siamese twins

**E**

Who grow up to become the first president

**D**

With two heads

**E**

Are better than one

**A**

He puts his heads in his hands, says I got to put my heads together

**E**

I can become the best president ever

**D**

And not just president

**E**

Fend for yourself

**A**

**E**

Signs his name, takes the blame for all of the names with no shame

**D**

In their beliefs they adjourn and they leave

**E**

And in walks a man with a broom and a knife and blood on his hands

**A**

**D**

And he sweeps everything under the rug

**E**

And goes home to his kids and gives them a hug

**D**

But his wife was not there, she had just left a letter

**E**

That said you'd be much better off without me

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**A**  
Now his wife took the train to her ex-lovers funeral  
**E**  
Who died in the bathroom, hit his head on a urinal  
**D**  
When they got together, the knowledge was carnal  
**E**  
And the widow was at the funeral, and they had quite a catfight

**A** **D**  
And they fell into the hole where the casket was resting  
**E**  
And the preacher just left in the middle of the service  
**D**  
cause death was one thing, but women made him nervous  
**E**  
And he ran to his car and he drove round the corner

**A**  
Then something in the street caught the light in his eye  
**E** **D**  
He pulled over, reached down, and picked up a pearl from the gutter  
And he didn't know what to think  
**E**  
And he brought it home and washed it in the sink

**A**  
And he gave the pearl to Sister Mary Theresa  
**E**  
Who could not accept it so she gave it to Lisa,  
**D**  
A young prostitute who was missing a pearl  
**E**  
On the necklace that broke late last night