

# Should've Kept My Eyes Shut

The Beautiful South

I should've kept my eyes shut  
But I had to go and peep  
But when you saw what I saw  
Well, it's hard just to roll back to sleep

I would've kept my eyes shut  
But I thought I heard you scream  
And I've a penchant for violence  
You don't seem to find in a dream

The scene a little clearer  
My father with a rope  
And in the cage, centre-stage  
It's mother who's destined to choke

And she choke and we choke  
On the words that we wish we'd not spoke  
Just when you felt you had someone to trust  
Out comes the man with the dagger and cloak

I should've read the novels  
Believed every word  
But the stories they wrote  
Were so different to ones that I'd heard

I should've kept my eyes shut  
My mouth should've closed  
But the mixture of vomit and blood  
Just crept up through my nose

It became a little clearer  
As soon as I awoke  
My father stands with rope in hand  
A screaming mother kneels in hope

And she hope and we hope  
That me words that she said won't provoke  
A smile is removed and a petal is crushed  
What once was a laugh has turned into a joke

You should've kept your mouth shut