

Always Drive A Cadillac

The Everly Brothers

It was the Senior High School yearbook, the class of '63
I'll never forget the way you gave your book and pen to me
It was all talked out and settled, you knew I'd understand
A girl with dreams as big as yours just had to make some plans

So I turned to your best picture, most likely to succeed
The only one in the whole damn book that didn't show you with me
And it said that you liked inner strength, so I tried to be true to form
And I hid my teenage broken heart, instead I signed this poem

I hope you always drive a Cadillac
I hope you always drink champagne
I hope you always shine with the sunshine
I hope you never have to face the rain

Unless the clouds are lined with silver, may every heart
You meet be gold and may you find the world as kind
As you've been told, at the ten year class reunion
They read your personal note and displayed your cover photograph

In your full length sable coat, but the words underneath the picture
Were what mattered most to me
There was something in between the lines
That no one else could see

It said, I always drive a Cadillac, I always drink champagne
And if you make time while the sun shines
You can buy your way out of the rain, I travel fast because I go alone
Everybody gets bought and sold

And I wondered if you'd really become that cold
That was the last word anyone heard from you
Until I got your card today, a single line and signature
That said, "I'm coming home to stay"

I wonder what life has done to you, I wonder why you thought of me
But if you stop by to say hello, I wonder what you'll think if you see
An old ragged high school yearbook that falls open to just one page
With a picture of a young girl's face full of beauty, dreams and rage

But the words beside the picture
Is the verse that's still so true
It's the one I swore no one would read
Unless I showed it to you

To me you'll always drive a Cadillac
Your laughter is my champagne
And you'll carry my heart wherever you go
Even if I never see you again

But if you bring it back home to me
Maybe then it'll mean you know
That the strongest love's the love that let's you go
To me you'll always drive a Cadillac