## **Album Of The Year**

The Good Life

The first time that I met her I was throwing up in the ladies' room stall She asked me if I needed anything, I said "I think I spilled my drink" and that's how it started, or so I'd like to believe. She took me to her mother's house outside of town where the sta rs hang down She said she'd never seen someone so lost, I said I'd never fel t so found And then I kissed her on the cheek, and so she kissed me on the mouth, ohhohhh Spring was popping daisies up 'round rusted trucks and busted 1 awn chairs We moved into a studio in Council Bluffs to save a couple bucks where the mice came out at night, neighbors were screamin all t he time We'd make love in the afternoon, say Chelsea Girls and Bachelor number two I played for her some songs I wrote, she'd joke and say "I'm sh ooting through the roof" I'd say "they're all for you dear. I'll write the album of the year" And I know she loved me then, I swear to god she did it's the way she'd bite my lower lip and push her hips against my hips and dig her nails so deep into my skin the first time that I met her I was convinced I'd finally found the one she was convinced that I was under the influence of all those d runken romantics I was reading Fante at the time, I had Bukowski on the mind She got a job at Jacob's serving cocktails to the local drunks I'd get so low I'd fit the bill, I perched down at the end of t he bar she said "space is not just a place for stars" I gave an inch, you want a house with a yard And I know she loved me once, those days are done she used to call me everyday from a payphone on her break for 1 unch just to say she can't wait to come home ohh ohh to come home ohh ohh

last time that I saw her she was picking through which records

were hers clothes were packed in boxes with some pots and pans and books and a toaster just then a mouse scurried across the floor...

we started laughing til it didn't hurt