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# Crazy Love

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Ma?  
Why'd you marry Dad?  
He was one of my brother's friends;  
one day he just asked me  
That's it?  
That's it  
Nothing else happened?  
Really?  
No  
I don't believe you.  
You're leaving something out  
- Like what?  
- He had to fight for you  
- He was a fighter, all right  
- And he kidnapped you  
Didn't he?  
Yes  
Then what happened?  
Then he took me to a hut  
up in the mountains  
I was a prisoner there  
for three days  
Were you scared?  
Oh, Yes.  
He was so strong  
Then?  
Then he took me  
to the top of the mountain  
To show me the world

**He said:**

All that belongs to you and me  
And then he kissed me so hard,  
I can still feel it  
Just like a film  
Better... Much better  
And the tits of Mary Cobb  
have each one got a knob  
To play with,  
to play with...  
I got a present...  
From the boys at work  
I got something, too  
What?

Later  
So?  
She's still got all her clothes on  
She's a princess.  
They always dress in white  
And the prince had to fight  
for her first  
Then he was allowed to marry her  
You believe that crap?  
Yes  
Want to know  
why grown-ups get married?  
So they can fuck  
You know what that is, fucking?  
Not really  
Don't know much, do you?  
- That's what grown-ups do?  
- If they're not fighting  
Your parents do it, too  
Look  
That's your mother  
And that's your father  
And that's fucking  
Like to try it?  
Listen  
To fuck well,  
you have to learn to kiss well  
I know how to kiss  
With your tongue?  
That's kissing...  
And here's where you learn it  
Don't worry.  
I've scored here loads of times  
You're lucky. That's Kathy,  
she's the hottest of them all  
Go and sit next to her,  
or someone else will get her  
- Look at her teeth!  
- Then look at her legs  
Don't tell me  
you blew a chance like that!  
I didn't know what to do  
And now, ladies and gentlemen!  
The most beautiful women in the world

Step right up! Step right up!  
And let me introduce you  
to Tiger Rita!  
And right here the one and only  
Eva Pavlova, the terror of Warsaw!  
See their breasts?  
They're topped with nipples  
When you rub them,  
they get stiff  
And when they get stiff,  
you know you're in business. Got it?  
Here, this'll make you feel better  
I never saw a woman like that before  
- Beautiful...  
- No, hot!  
If anyone can teach you,  
it's her...  
What a woman!  
Come on. Now you'll see  
what fucking is  
Mummy! Can we go?  
- Play some more. Here  
- No...  
The ginger one is Theo.  
He's in my class  
Didn't know his mother was like that  
- Can I come?  
- Of course not...  
Bloody hell!  
That ginger bastard  
I thought they were really  
going to do it  
Right in front of us  
That'd have been worth seeing  
Know where Ginger lives?  
Yes, but I've never been there  
Then it's time we went there to play  
Tomorrow  
You sure it's here?  
Yes  
What a woman  
Theo?  
I never saw a woman  
like that before

- I'm horny as a rabbit  
- Me, too  
I need to cool down  
That's better  
I need some water too  
This may be your big day, kid  
I can't  
Don't be scared.  
She's blind drunk  
She won't wake up  
What shall I do?  
Remember what that bloke  
at the fair did to her?  
Do the same as him  
Go on  
- She smells good  
- Because she's horny  
Lie down on top of her.  
Lie down  
I still haven't done it  
I'll show you something  
that'll make you feel better  
Watch now  
But make sure  
you don't do it too often  
You might get a crooked back  
Or go crazy  
Ma, dad didn't kidnap you, did he?  
No  
Why did you lie to me?  
Because you're so young  
Everything is ugly  
No. There are many beautiful things  
in life, son  
Go to sleep now  
- You must be nervous  
- Why's that?  
It's your last day at school  
I can still remember  
my last day at school  
The school dance  
The girls were sweating.  
And not just from dancing...  
- Do you use the cream I gave you?

- Every day, but it doesn't help much  
- You must be patient  
- I've been patient for two years  
It'll go away eventually  
And if you don't scratch  
you won't have any scars  
Here, try this.  
And come back next week  
So what do you want to be,  
later?  
Not a doctor, for sure  
Lisa Velani  
I'll fuck her tonight  
or my name's Harry Frankenstein  
Harry Voss  
Harry Voss  
- Didn't dare show himself, huh?  
- With that ugly spotty mug of his...  
Dreaming again?  
You think too much  
It'll give you a headache  
Your diploma  
Wondered if you wanted  
to come to the school dance  
- Why you asking me?  
- Cos I don't want to go on my own  
And I like to be the best looking  
I don't like parties.  
Too many people  
- Then we'll go somewhere else  
- Where?  
Where there's no people  
What you doing?  
Let the wind carry my message.  
In my soul there is a song  
She's the answer to all my problems  
Though her heart doesn't know it yet  
- I didn't know you were a poet  
- It's easy when you're in love  
Know who I wrote that for?  
Read the first letter of each line  
I love her... I love them all,  
but they aren't interested in me  
So come to the dance

and you can read it to her  
Are you nuts?  
I can't even talk to her  
It's easy when you're in love  
You think this is what women  
dream of?  
You don't know women.  
They can look right through men  
When Lisa looks at you,  
she won't see your spots...  
she'll see the poet in your eyes  
If you don't do it tonight  
you never will  
Congratulations!  
The Future Beckons  
See her anywhere?  
- Hello Marina  
- Hello, handsome  
- Will you dance with me later?  
- Of course  
Don't forget, eh?  
Friend of mine  
Hey, she's on her own  
- What should I do?  
- Ask her to dance  
- She doesn't dance  
- Of course she dances. Go on  
- OK, it's fixed  
- What is?  
You'll see. Come on  
- There she is  
- Who is?  
Marina.  
I made a date with her  
I'll go first. Then we'll swap  
- But I don't know her  
- That doesn't matter  
But I don't feel anything for her  
That won't stop you doing it  
She won't want me  
She's not like Lisa.  
Marina likes doing it... with everyone  
She knows you're part of the deal  
- Really?

- Yes. I'll be quick, OK?  
I'll need some more soon  
You can have more right now  
Have you taken a pill?  
No, but I've got a friend.  
He's waiting outside  
Do I know him?  
He's a sensitive boy. A poet  
A poet?  
- All right?  
- Well, if you can't do it  
Your turn  
- You sure she wants me?  
- Yes, she's ready for you  
Come on, little poet.  
I'm getting cold  
Sorry  
Finished already?  
Look, Frankenstein.  
If you're trying to be funny...  
- Incredible! You did it  
- Yes, with shit paper  
Any whisky left?  
- In the car  
- Take me home  
Here, let me  
Go on  
Drive on!  
I live right there  
But I can't make it  
Can't you carry me in?  
I really can't make it  
Is that yours?  
It's my poem  
Where did you get it?  
On a train  
You can keep it.  
I don't need it anymore  
Have a heart,  
carry me indoors  
I can hear it beating...  
So you have got one  
- Bill!  
- Harry!



- Where have you been?  
- Vacation  
For how long?  
Three months in prison,  
eight months in jail...  
And how are you?  
I'm thirsty... and broke  
Silence.  
Hospital  
I'm tired  
I live nearby.  
I'm looking after someone's house  
Someone?  
Who I don't know  
and who doesn't know me  
- Dare we?  
- For old times' sake  
- We never dared before  
- You never dared!  
Let me do it  
Nice place  
So we did it  
It weighed less than I thought  
It was mellow  
He's still warm  
She's dead  
But she's alive  
No Harry...  
I wouldn't do that  
Best woman I ever had  
You only ever meet one like that  
We'd better bury her  
or we'll get into trouble  
She's too beautiful to bury  
Where are we going?  
To a wedding  
And do you take  
as your lawful wedded husband  
Harry Voss  
For better and for worse  
Until...  
...death do you part  
Until death do you part