

I Still See Your Smile

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1. Our story opened playfully, with laughs and lust and hope.
You'd had a rough and tumble past, of which you often spoke.
I knew I was no prize myself; my life had slipped off track.
But I thought that maybe, you could give me what I lacked.
2. You had a twinkle in your eye; you had a sense of style.
Your joking and your cooking would feed me for a while.
We moved in together and wondered would it last.
Then you fell off your wagon, and everything got trashed.
3. I should have seen it coming; I should have read the signs.
Somehow I lacked the common sense to read between the lines.
Where did all the money go? We got so far behind.
I went on pretending, deaf and mute and blind.
4. Some habits only slow you down, but others, they can kill.
I finally found your needles, your spoon and all your pills.
Against my better judgement; I gave you one more chance.
But you were dozing in a dream, you were in a trance.
5. I had enough with my own stuff; I couldn't share your load.
I dried my tears, and then packed up, and hustled down the road.
At our goodbye, I said "Please try.", with a final desperate hug,
And left you standing all alone. You stared at me and shrugged.
6. I know life doesn't matter with a needle in your arm.
I hope you found recovery, and didn't buy the farm.
I think about you sometimes, and wonder for a while.
Even after 20 years, I still see your smile.