

Once Upon a Time

As a child I had a dream
To which I remained true
To meet a rich and handsome prince
And hear him say 'I do'

I'd float so gracefully down the aisle
I'd hear those church bells chime
I knew he would love only me
Until the end of time

At sweet 16 the prince appeared
And I could not resist
He looked me over, checked my past
Then ... checked his shopping list

I was watched, groomed, and tested
Like the princess and the pea
And when they were quite satisfied
They hand-picked little me

My dream had come to life it seemed
But then appeared some cracks
The dream became a nightmare
But there was no turning back

I was like the sleeping beauty
Who awoke one day to find
That the man I was now married to
Could be rather unkind

Not even quite as handsome
As he had looked or seemed
And I was sadly wakened from
My fairy princess dream

The prince was clearly so in love
But not to whom he chose
His love was for a thorny stem
Not his hand-picked English rose

My power to make my dreams come true
Had sadly waned and left
And I was named the lonely one
heartbroken and bereft

My happy ever after dream
Was my innocent, only crime
And what remains is sadness
For the land, for all of time