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Harry's Wife

Harry's wife is on her own, Harry's up and Harry's gone
Livin' in a middle-aged Babylon, with a loose-lipped,
Tight-hipped youthful blonde
Harry's wife is fifty-four, it's been thirty years or more
Since she gave up her job for Harry and the kids
Round about now she's sorry that she did

Harry and the blonde will be OK, they'll manage quite nicely on Harry's pay
Harry's wife doesn't have a wage,
Not many jobs around for women of her age
The house and the car are in Harry's name,
The bank accounts are just the same
She'll have to hire a lawyer to get her share
And get used to playin' solitaire

Chorus:

Harry's wife, Harry's wife, what you gonna do with the rest of your life
Are you just gonna lay down, rollover. and die?
Harry's wife, Harry's wife
Are you gonna make the best of your life?
Stand up lady and spit in Harry's eye

Harry's mates all nudge and wink, it's clear what Harry's mates all think
While their wives phone in their sympathies and avoid her like some
contagious disease
Her kids are embarrassed and mortified, they lecture and they patronise
"Isn't it disgusting" they all say
"People of your age shouldn't act this way"

Harry's wife was christened Emily Jane, but few if any use her name
She's worn a label most of her life, mother, housekeeper, and dutiful wife
So Emily Jane has shed no tears, just thirty pounds and fifteen years
Got a new job, new friends and new clothes
After years spent as a daisy she's bloomin' like a rose

Emily Jane's cast aside her veil, lifted her game and broken out of jail
Moved from the shadow into the light and I think she's gonna be all right
'Cause no matter whichever path she takes at least she'll be makin' her own
mistakes
Her life will never be the same
Since she got to know a woman called Emily Jane