## **Not a Pretty Girl**

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I am not a pretty girl That is not what I do I ain't no damsel in distress And I don't need to be rescued So put me down, punk Wouldn't you prefer a maiden fair? Isn't there a kitten stuck up a tree somewhere? I am not an angry girl But it seems like I've got everyone fooled Every time I say something they find hard to hear They chalk it up to my anger And never to their own fear Imagine you're a girl Just trying to finally come clean Knowing full well they'd prefer you were dirty And smilingAnd I am sorry But I am not a maiden fair And I am not a kitten stuck up a tree somewhere And generally, my generation Wouldn't be caught dead working for the man And generally I agree with them Trouble is you gotta have youself An alternate plan And I have earned my disillusionment I have been working all of my life And I am a patriot I have been fighting the good fight And what if there are no damsels in distress What if I knew that and I called your bluff? Don't you think every kitten figures out how to get down, Whether or not you ever show up?I am not a pretty girl I don't really want to be a pretty girl No, I want to be more than a pretty girl.

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