

When Rosie Dances

*there's something beautiful about going back
to where you've been and all that made you you.*

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Photo is of my grandmother Madeline in 1931 when she was a teenager, holding her cat Spare Ribs.



V1

Rosie's slippers scuff across the floor.
There's no one left to dance with anymore.
The sacrifice of a long life,
you end up just outlivin' all you know.

In her mind are all the years before
still just as close as when she was a girl.
And goin' back is what you earn
when you live a life that's worth returnin'
for.

So Rosie goes on dancing with her past.
Relivin' all the good times that she had.
All the people, all the places,
memories with warm embraces, waiting.

CHORUS

There is gold.
Morning light.
All her loved ones
on the dance card tonight.
There is youth.
Second chances.
There is life
when Rosie dances.

V2

It's sweeter when you do it all again.
To hold the hands of long forgotten friends.
When you look into your mama's eyes
you see the things you didn't know back
then.

So Rosie goes on dancing with her past.
Relivin' all the good times that she had.
All the people, all the places,
memories with warm embraces, waiting.

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OUTRO

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