

# Belle And Sebastian, It Could Have Been A Brilliant

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It could have been a brilliant career  
Painting lines in a school that was too well known  
Painting lines with a friend who had gone before  
She challenged everyone to a fight  
But the people all backed down  
And they ran her out of town  
'Cause she drank and swore and spoke  
Out of turn, she was the village joke

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Getting clients to finance her strategies  
She's filling time in at Safeway on Saturdays  
She wears the clothes of an emperor  
But her paintings are a sham  
And they're going for a grand  
When the dealers come to view  
Do they ever see the real you

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Selling lies to the boys with the old Dansettes  
Pulling the wool, playing the fool, it's no wonder that  
He is dribbling spit tonight  
And the one he sent away  
Was the only one who stayed  
With a spoon and a decent book  
You can tell by the way she looks  
She is sorry and resigned  
As he wets himself for the final time