

John Mellencamp, It All Comes True

I stand here a black man I have no history
I was brought up in East Chicago And I grew up on the streets
The chains around the playground were the chains around my heart
The brand upon my shoulder Well it reminds you who you are

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I was just a young girl My mother called me "Hon"
My father was unhappy 'Cause I should have been his son
They said, "Learn to be a waitress and learn to be a wife
And be thankful for a chance to live an ordinary life";

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My life is a contradiction of sorrow and desire
I drag my heart across the ash to throw it on the fire
Maybe there's a reason and could there be a plan
Or are we all just fools to think we'll understand

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