

Man of the World

I longed to be grown
to escape childhood's stigma
a man of the world

innocence was shame
my boyhood's war with myself
hidden scars remain

you're well on your way
beyond me at your same age
wise beyond your years

your confidence shines
sure of your adequacy
you are my heart's pride

I'll dwell within you
as you follow time's arrow
a man of the world

Papi at 22 Seamus at 22
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