

Wack Jack

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Kids are scratching up the walk
Across the street and down the block
I wish you'd stuck around to watch the night fall
Smack your hands against the wall
Louise Bogan and Robert Frost
Popped off the shelf when you went through the door

Singing

"Years from today
When your name is just a name
And my love is a couple candles
Twinkling on your cake
That burn won't hurt you any more
But I'll still keep your picture lying in a drawer"

Kids are scratching up the walk
Four letter words in rainbow colored chalk
Sweeping dust under the rug
Oh if only we could talk

"Years away
When your name is just a name
You'll be counting up your pennies
'Til I'm laughing in my grave
Oh I know, years away
When your name is just a name
And my love's a couple candles
Twinkling in your cake
That burn won't hurt you any more
But I'll still keep your picture lying in a drawer"

When I was a boy I could laugh at it laugh at it
Now I wonder how I got that hold on me hold on me
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