

**You're so beautiful, just like you are.**

For Jo-Anne, and all our Mum's

I could see  
At first glance,  
Your soft  
And graceful beauty,  
I could tell in your youth,  
You'd have any boy -  
Dangling, from a string...

I was told  
You were scared,  
Of time, and getting old -  
Our young women  
Work so hard  
To bear - and raise children,  
Then in middle age feel cheated,  
Their bodies not left  
With a thing!

But we all grow old  
And older, all together,  
So time should hold no fears,  
As years add to years.

And so, Pretty Jo -  
For just a moment  
I would hold you,  
And tell you -  
*"Your beauty is like a constant,  
Shining star,  
Your children  
Will have learned -  
What all mothers have earned,*

*You're so beautiful -  
Just like you are."*

Tim Barritt.11.3.07.

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