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When I was a little girl
I used to pretend that I was a princess
Trapped in a tower
Waiting for my prince to rescue me

On the first day of kindergarten I thought I had met him
His name was Billy Ryan
He sat next to me
But it did not work out because he was convinced that girls had cooties

In junior high I thought I'd found him for sure
Peter Scott was his name
We were inseparable for three years
Until he moved with his family to California

In high school we met in bio lab
Adam Prince was my partner
He was my date to Senior Prom
It ended when he decided to go back packing through Europe to find his inner self

We bumped into each other in our dorm
Steve Parker was the man of my dreams
We helped each other get through midterms and finals
After two years he felt that we were better off as friends

I finally met the perfect man
The encounter did not involve a ball or a missing glass slipper
I never met my fairy grandmother
It was not a fairy tale

Though I did meet him at a dinner dance
Though I was wearing a \$500 pair of Manolo Blahnik pumps
Though my great aunt did give me her extra ticket to the gala
Though we did live happily ever after

I wasn't rescued from a
Fire
Man-eating shark
Or a sinking ship

But I was rescued from
Being alone in life
Does it happen only to Cinderella?
No, because it happened to me.

