October Roses

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You say you are sorry for the youth that you lack For the sag of your breasts, for the bend in your back For your hair turning grey, and the tears that now flow For the choices you made such a long time ago

Spring roses are lovely, they make my heart sing And in summer, the roses sweet memories bring But I most need the rose when the bitter winds call October Roses are the fairest of all October Roses are the fairest of all

As a maid, you were lovely, your cheeks bloomed so red And you gave your heart freely, too freely you said As a woman full grown you knew passion and strife And a tender heart torn with the thorns of your life

Now you're growing older, sometimes you feel done But your strong roots still hold you, you still find the sun For you blossom with wisdom and courage and care You're the fairest of roses that bloom anywhere