



Matty Man

Matt Cole

James Matthew Barrie
Got it right
When he chose a young child to
Never age-
Never die-
How romantic!
There is no glamour or luxury
In eternal adolescence.
I know this, because I am Matty Man:
Doomed to live behind
A facade of not-quite man/not-quite boy
Features-
Frail, awkward limbs;
Irresistible red strawberry sores on face;
Good ol' Petey could
Think a happy thought
And soar off to
Never Never Land!
All Matty Man needs
Is an act of angst
And off he sinks into
Hopeless Hopeless Hell!
I don't even like the name
Matty Man,
And I made it up!
How typical of me...
But I have learned to embrace this curse:
I've never had a Second Kiss-
Just Firsts.
I've never been to the Real World-
Just School.
I've never dealt with Consequence-

Just Grounded.
Do you remember all this when you look at me?
Take your time-
I'm not getting any younger...