## Where the Spirit Left Us

## **Okkervil River**

Through the war and the soft spring rustle Streets are selling some summer hustle Across the Maple Street Bridge, in a bristling fog Just whistling on is a bowl of prattle Just a high snowball on a curb in the fall Through the parking lot at Christmas I heard a whisper, I heard him call He was where the chest was Only way our lives open wide and have a shade That this is to say If you're on a ferry, freezing time for a while Throw the waste, that's where the spirit left Underneath the house, stuck the frame out here Smells like sweat and gasoline And when you get hard and your eyes get mean 'Cause you're on the march but I could almost kiss you Don't let them swish you, you have this song, you can take it with you Stay lonely, open wide as a fire, a flame Don't be ashamed Loose a little, lied eyes while our lives fade to gray' Did the silence drop? Did your Walkman stop? Did the edge turn cold 'cause the message was so close? Oh, did you chock it? Oh, can I know? I know where this is going because we always blow it Only way our lives open wide and have a shade, it's just that way Flow down that rive, freezing time, fully wide, just throw the waste That's where the spirit waste Only way our lives, your eyes on fire, mind your flame We won't be dismayed When the sun is out and you're screaming by I swear that if I had my way You know I would've blessed it

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