

The Train I Ride

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I've been keeping you safe inside, for the longest time
I've been trying to keep alive, paper kisses you sign
And even now when anybody breathes your name
I prepare to feel the pain
Bearing down like a train comin' through in a minute
 Oh it's war, it's farce, it's cinema
It's one long ride an inch too far
The louder you scream, the faster you go
 The more that you learn the less that you know
I brought a ticket and there's no way I can ride but alone
 But somewhere it stops, that's letting go
And that's letting go
Didn't want to be right tonight, you were out of line
 I made a meal of this mess of mine for the very last time
 And one day when you stumble, I won't break your fall
It won't hurt any more
But I'll ride on the train comin' through in a minute
 Goin' south and on so let it come
The train a ride won't always run
The louder you scream, the faster you go
 The more that you learn the less that you know
I got a ticket and it's gonna take a while, goin' slow
 But it's gonna stop and that's letting go
I took my chances and I'm gonna have to go with the flow
 But somewhere it stops and that's letting go
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