Between the Lines

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There's never much to say between the moments of
Our games and repartee
There's never much to read between the lines of
What we need and what we'll takeThere's never much to talk about or say aloud
But say it anyway
Of holidays and yesterdays, and broken dreams
That somehow slipped awayIn books and magazines of how to be and what to see
While you are being
Before and after photographs teach how to pass
From reaching to believingWe live beyond our means on other people's dreams
And that's succeeding
Between the lines of photographs I've seen the past
It isn't pleasingSo strike another match we'll have another cup of wine
And dance until the evening's dead of too much song and time
There's never much to talk about or read between the lines
Of what we dream about when we're apart
And no one's looking on to say you're mineIt was a good year then, it was a good year then, we all remember
The time you threw the looking glass and seemed a fool or very clever
Don't spoil it all, I can't recall a time when you were
Struck without an answer
We'll live a quiet peaceful time between the lines and go togetherAnd I'm striking up the band to play our last hurrah
We'll dance until we've killed another evening off
Don't think of anyone but me, I'll have no lovers on the side
Tonight is all we've ever dreamed about for once let's get it rightWe'll go down flying in the end
Through another bottle in between the lines
I'll go down like a ship of state
Let's be gracious now between the lines

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