

You're a Mirror I Cannot Avoid

Bad Books

I caught you caroling and giving grief
Thought you were cannon-balling after me
I let your actions speak for themselves
And wished you well But you're a mirror I cannot avoid
Strung out and jittery and paranoid
A leaky battery that can't keep charged Get in the car and say what you mean
Explain yourself to me and I'll try
Not to judge you more than you would Let me help, I promise not to tell
Like anyone's asking or anyone should First time I met you I was full of fear
Knew that eventually you'd disappear
Just when I needed you you'd burn to smoke
And off you go Just come back and peel away the mess
Lay here beside me and open your eyes
Take it back, your dignity, your tact
Turn back to the person you tried to let die I caught you nesting with your analog
Glassy eyes from kissing poison frogs
Becoming infinite against his couch Open your mouth and say the words
You used to wish you heard
Back when you focused enough to be good And if you're gone
An endless false alarm
Just remember I loved you
As long as I could

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