

# A Song To Pass The Time

## Bright Eyes

There is a middle-aged woman, she's dragging her feet  
She carries baskets of clothes to a laundromat  
While the Mexican children kick rocks into the street  
And they laugh in a language I don't understand  
But I love them, why do I love them?  
So the neighborhood's dimming as I smoke on the porch  
Watch the people as they pass enclosed inside their cars  
And on their faces just anger or disappointment  
I start wishing there was something I could offer them  
Consolation, could I offer them?  
Never sad in their suburbs robots, water the lawn  
And everything they touch gets dusted spotless  
So they start to believe that they've not touched anything at all  
And the cars in the driveway only multiply  
Well they are lost in their houses  
And heard them sing in the shower  
Making speeches to their sister on the telephone  
Saying, "You come home, come here  
Don't stay so far away from me  
This weather has me wanting love more tangible  
Something I can hold because it's getting cold"  
I said, "Hold up our fists to the flame in the sky  
To block out the light that's reaching for our eyes  
Because, because it would blind us, it will blind us"  
I have locked my actions in the grooves of routine  
So I may never be free of this apathy  
But I wait for a letter that's coming to me  
She sends me pictures of the ocean in an envelope  
So there still is hope, yes I can be healed  
There is someone looking for what I concealed  
In my secret drawer, in my pockets deep  
You will find the reasons that I can't sleep  
And you will still want me  
But you still want me  
Will you still want me?  
Well, I say, "Come for the week, you can sleep in my bed"  
And pass through my life like a dream through my head  
It will, it will be easy, I'll make it easy  
All I have for the moment is a song to pass the time

A melody to keep me from worrying  
Some simple progression to keep my fingers busy  
And words that are sure to come back to me and they'll be laughing  
And they'll be laughing  
My mediocrity  
My mediocrity  
They'll be laughing  
They'll be laughing  
They'll be laughing

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