

# The State

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Oh, I was free to live and love and kill as I saw fit  
I was at peace, I really was, no one I was at war with  
The only common good was that we understood that laws unjust were only good for breaking  
That difference legalized instead of sameness left nobody free  
But that was the day before I married my conscience to the state  
My taxes paid these road we laid to places of my choosing  
There were no eyes up in the skies looking down into my bed  
There was no government without our consent  
And keys were made for anyone who just claimed it  
And glass was all of every wall that framed it from sea to shining sea  
But that was the day before I married my conscience to the state  
Right and wrong were written on my heart and not just in the laws that condemned me  
But now with Caesar satisfied I can even do the things that should offend me

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