

Are You Happy Now?

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You took the toaster when you went
You never paid your half the rent
You took the spices from the rack
But you dont have to put them back
Cause in your haste on Halloween
You left your camera on the bed
Where we played roles in black and white
You left a role of black and white
I set the timer and thought of you
And put the lense up to my head
I took a photograph for you
What comes out gray is really redAre you happy now?I smashed your pumpkin on the floor
The candle flickered at my feet
As goblins flew across the room
The children peered into the room
A cowboy shivered on the porch
As Cinderella checked her watch
A hobo waited in the street
An angel whispered, trick-or-treat
But what was I supposed to do
But to sit there in the dark?
I was amazed to think that you
Could take the candy with you tooAre you happy now?Ive sat all night and now its dawn
And I cannot believe my eyes
Theres garbage strewn across the lawn
Where we once stared up at the sky
And streams of paper fill the tree
That hovered over you and me
Shaving cream covers the car
That we picked up in Baltimore
Though I know its hard to tell
I hope that whats-his-name treats you well
I still maintain that hes a bum
But its your money have some funAnd are you happy now?You always asked why I had not
Written you a verse or two
Since thats the one thing I regret
I dedicate this one to youAre you happy now?
Are you?

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