

# This Grudge

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Fourteen years, thirty minutes  
Fifteen seconds I've held this grudge  
Eleven songs, four full journals  
Thoughts of punishment I've expended  
Not in contact, not a letter  
Such communication, telepathic  
You've been vilified, used as fodder  
You deserve a piece of every record  
But who's it hurting now?  
Who's the one that's stuck?  
And who's it torturing now  
With an antique knot in her stomach?  
I wanna be big and let go  
Of this grudge that's grown old  
All this time I've not known  
How to rest this bygone  
I wanna be soft and resolved  
Clean of slate and released  
I wanna forgive for the both of us  
Like an abandoned house, dusty covered  
Furniture, still intact  
If I visit it now, do I simply re-live it  
Somehow gratuitous  
But who's still aching now?  
Who's tired of her own voice?  
Who is it weighing down  
With no gift from time of said healing  
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Of this grudge that's grown old  
All this time I've not known  
  
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Maybe as I cut the cord  
Veils will lift from my eyes  
Maybe as I lay this to rest  
Dead weight off my shoulders to rise

Here I sit much determined  
Ever ill-equipped to draw this curtain  
How this has entertained, validated  
And has served me greatly ever the victim  
But who's done whining now?  
Who's ready to put down?  
This load I've carried longer  
Than I had cared to remember  
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For the life of me I've not known  
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