Trapeze Swinger

Iron & Wine

Please, remember me Happily By the rosebush laughing With bruises on my chin The time when We counted every black car passing Your house beneath the hill And up until Someone caught us in the kitchen With maps, a mountain range, A piggy bank A vision too removed to mention ButPlease, remember me Fondly I heard from someone you're still pretty And then They went on to say That the pearly gates Had some eloquent graffiti Like 'We'll meet again' And 'Fuck the man' And 'Tell my mother not to worry' And angels with their gray Handshakes Were always done in such a hurry AndPlease, remember me At Halloween Making fools of all the neighbors Our faces painted white By midnight We'd forgotten one another And when the morning came I was ashamed Only now it seems so silly That season left the world And then returned And now you're lit up by the city SoPlease, remember me

Mistakenly

In the window of the tallest tower call

Then pass us by

But much too high

To see the empty road at happy hour

Leave and resonate

Just like the gates

Around the holy kingdom

With words like 'Lost and Found' and 'Don't Look Down'

And 'Someone Save Temptation'

AndPlease, remember me

As in the dream

We had as rug-burned babies

Among the fallen trees

And fast asleep

Aside the lions and the ladies

That called you what you like

And even might

Give a gift for your behavior

A fleeting chance to see

A trapeze

Swing as high as any savior

ButPlease, remember me

My misery

And how it lost me all I wanted

Those dogs that love the rain

And chasing trains

The colored birds above there running

In circles round the well

And where it spells

On the wall behind St. Peter's

So bright with cinder gray

And spray paint

'Who the hell can see forever?'

AndPlease, remember me

Seldomly

In the car behind the carnival

My hand between your knees

You turn from me

And said 'The trapeze act was wonderful

But never meant to last'

The clown that passed

Saw me just come up with anger

When it filled with circus dogs

The parking lot

Had an element of danger

SoPlease, remember me
Finally
And all my uphill clawing
My dear
But if I make
The pearly gates
Do my best to make a drawing
Of G-d and Lucifer
A boy and girl
An angel kissing on a sinner
A monkey and a man
A marching band
All around the frightened trapeze swingers

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