## The Awful Sweetness Of Escaping Sweat

## **Bright Eyes**

We escape from the house As the day disappears from the sky Into night we became what we wanted to be Like a dream or a ghost I collapse out of turn Near a house lying still in the grass Felt the heat from the ground rising up to contract And expand like a breath We leave from that place soaked with sweat And the poison we drank Fill the bathtub with ice and hope this fever will break Like a heart, easily But I do not recall all the words that were formed On those wire lips as they greeted me A promise was made without thought As the temperature climbed And I started to sink like the moon tends to do If you stare at it so long Then you blink and it's gone And we crawl to our sleep with the dawn Take it back And isn't it the same mistake? And isn't it the same mistake?

There's not much you can escape
And isn't it the same?
We awake in the light
Feeling hollow and selfishly warm
Close the blinds and retreat until what's burning is gone
And it's light is away
Then we're back in the dark
Chasing nothing through backyards and trees
You ripped your shirt on a fence
But it didn't get me
Yeah, it's fear, makes you slow
And these creatures look crooked
Their shadows cut lines through my face

And the concrete is fire where my bare feet are placed

And isn't it the same mistake?

In a line next to yours

And I guess I'm not sure if it's fear that was born

As those awful eyes laid their claim on us

I put my hands on the fence

Said your name and I started to climb

And it must have been sweat but I drank it like wine

It was sweet, my mouth was dry

I heard your scream but I made no reply

I can still taste it now if I try

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