

If Only

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What do you do when they turn on the light?
You guard your heart, so they steal your sight
You reach out in blindness, touch the alone
Its icicle fingers chill you to the bone
What do you do when the cat gets your tongue?
 No way to say it's all going wrong
 Now that the words are the telephone
Nobody answers, nobody's home
What's done has been done and I won't be the one
 Who despairs in the wheelchair resigned to 'If only'
 No, I'll stand up again and I'll run
 I'll jump until I touch the sun
 Because I won't be the one to be bound
By the sound of 'If only', 'If only'
Well, I reach out in blindness now but what do I care?
 I'll walk into walls, I'll stumble downstairs
 I'll laugh like a fishwife, I'll cry like a clown
Up is the only way to go when you're down
When I reach a mountain top then I start to climb
 I'll walk in the water, I'll turn water to wine
 Hope is the one thing we got on our side
Hope can be salvaged when all else has died
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