

# The Approaching Curve

## Rise Against

The music played with a common frequency  
The speakers gently seeped the sound  
Of ambient keyboards and light percussion  
Creating a seductive soundtrack to our midnight drive  
Through curtains of blacknessThe windows were cold to the touch  
Reflecting the icy conditions in our immediate extremity  
Salt stains and fingerprints littered the glass  
And streets with melted snow cascaded down its lengthThe music pulsed louder, yet gentle  
Like the far away squeal of a pot of boiling water  
The skylight was glowing faintly  
With a vague hints of an impending dawnThe car raced along a painfully straight stretch of road  
And she hadnt so much as turned the steering wheel  
Two degrees in the past twenty minutes  
Or hardly spokenAs we were, so perfect, so happy  
Ill remember, only our smiles  
'Cause thats all theyve seen  
Long since dried, when we are found  
Are the tears in which we had drowned  
As we were, so perfect, so happyWhy are you doing this?  
She spoke without expecting a response  
Her voice penetrated the still air of our speechless drive  
So silent my heart had jumpedIm not doing anything, I said  
But I didnt even believe that myself  
This is whats best, for me, for you, for us  
Or maybe just for me, I thought  
As a tear formed in the pit of her eyeThe music poured through the speakers  
And we were losing ourselves in the cadence  
She looked down momentarily and closed her eyes  
For a bit longer than a standard blinkThen she was crying, then she was shouting  
Then I was shouting, now pouring confessions  
Having no answers or solutions  
And we barely could even hear the questionsAs we were so perfect, so happy  
Ill remember, only our smiles  
'Cause thats all theyve seen  
Long since dried, when we are found  
Are the tears in which we had drowned  
As we were so perfect, so happyDont put me underground  
I was meant for a life somewhere else  
Please, Lord, give me the way

Before both of us haunt you  
Well steal tonight  
(Well steal tonight)As we were so perfect, so happy  
Dont remember, only your smiles  
'Cause thats all theyve seen  
Long since dried, when we are found  
Are the tears in which we had drowned  
As we were so perfect, so happyOur cracking voices became part of the music  
The car pressed on faster through he night  
As our voices lowered, the cadence again overtook the air  
Up ahead there was a curve approaching  
She made no indications of slowing

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