I Was Hoping

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As we were talking outside it was cold
We were shivering yet warmed by the subject matter
My wife is in the next room we've been having troubles you know
Please don't tell her or anyone but I need to talk to somebodyYou said "Wouldn't it be a shame if I knew how great I was
Five minutes before I'd died, I'd be filled with such regret
Before I took my last breath" and I said, "You're willing to tell me this now
And you're not going to die anytime soonAnd I said, "I haven't been eating chicken or meat or anything
And you said, "Yes but you've been wearing leather"
And laughed and said, "We're at the top of the food chain"
And yes you're still a fine woman and I cringedI was hoping, I was hoping we could heal each other
I was hoping, I was hoping we could be raw togetherWe left the restaurant where the head waiter in his 60's said "Goodbye sir, thank you for your business sir you're
Successful and established sir and
We like the frequency with which you dine here sir and your money"And when I walked by they said, "Thank you too dear"
I was all pigtails and cords
And there was a day when I would've said something like
"Hey dude I could buy and sell this place so kiss it
I too once thought I was owed something"I was hoping, I was hoping we could challenge each other
I was hoping, I was hoping we could crack each other upI too thought that when proved wrong I lost somehow
And I too once thought life was cruel
Well, it's a cycle really you think I'm withdrawing and guilt tripping
I think you're insensitive and I don't feel heardAnd I said, "Do you believe we are
Fundamentally judgmental, fundamentally evil?"
And you said "Yes", I said, "I don't believe in revenge
In right or wrong good or bad" you said
"Well what about the man that I saw handcuffed
In the emergency room bleeding after beating his kid?"And she threw a shoe at his head
I think what he did was wrong
And I would've had a hard time feeling compassion for him
I had to watch my tone for fear of having you feel judged"I was hoping I was hoping we could dance together
I was hoping I was hoping we could be creamy together

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