Real Nighttime

Game Theory

Pull back the credit we take for breaking through To the moment before we really knew Take off the jackets and shirts and see some skin Feel a chill of the air we were born in Before the debate came in The rewards are great for those who can stay Would you all push me offside Force me to hide from the sun? Look at the oneupmanship that gets you through And you'll see that one put down is you Shine the harsh light on the faults of those you know And you'll find it's so bright your eyes stay closed You better get on the first bus home What makes it okay? So tempting to stay Would you all turn me aside Force me to hide from the sun If I should run when real nighttime comes? If I should look down off my ledge Pare down the man who can order someone dead To the boy who can't take the sight of red Show the landlady who throws her weight around As the girl who won't walk alone downtown And you'll see it's a long way down My bed in my room, I need some sleep Would it be so much to ask To please leave out of the fun? 'Cause I'm not the one If I should run when real nighttime comes If I should look down off my ledge Now I don't want anything I can't afford Just a letter from home and a lock on the door

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