## **Unless It Kicks**

## **Okkervil River**

What gives this mess some grace Unless it's kicks, man

Unless it's fiction

Unless it's sweat or it's songsWhat hits against this chest

Unless it's a sick man's hand

From some mid-level band

He's been driving too longOn a dark windless night

With the stereo on

With the towns flying by

And the ground getting softAnd the sound in the sky

Coming down from above

It surrounds you at times

And it's whispering, ohWhat pulls your body down

That is quicksand

So we climb out quick, hand over hand

For your mouth's all filled upWhat picks you up from down

Unless it's tricks, man

When I been fixed, I am convinced

That I will not get so broke up againAnd on a seven day high

That heavenly song

Punches right through my mind

And pumps through my bloodAnd I know it's a lie

But I still give my love

And my heart's all alive

For your hands to pluck off, ohWhat gives this mess some grace

Unless it's fictions

Unless it's licks, man

Unless it's lies or it's loveWhat breaks this heart the most

Is the ghost of some rock 'n' roll fan

Exploding up from the stands

With her heart opened upAnd I wanna tell her, your love isn't lost

Say, my heart is still crossed

Scream, you're so wonderful

What a dream in the darkAbout working so hard

About growing so stoned

Trying not to turn up

Trying not to believe in the light on your own

La, la, la, oh, oh, oh, oh

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