

# Oh, Precious

## Okkervil River

I live in a building where nobody knows me  
I go to bed early, I sleep in my clothes  
At night I hear screaming down in the street  
I dream that I'm slipping, I reach for my feet Precious, we are falling down  
Catch us I fill in the holes in my vision with dexedrine  
The landscape spins sideways, the movies and magazines  
Whisper as they hide on soft silky surfaces  
Surely my neighbors and friends have their purposes here The building is maddening, thirty floors high  
They are building a needle that pierces the sky  
Like a cold vaccination, like a smile through a polaroid  
Surely my neighbors and friends want to be destroyed Precious, we are falling down  
Catch us Oh, no, down we go again Lend me a leaf from the rill, lifting the dreams from you  
They sift through the meshes of the ancient afternoon  
Leave me alone for awhile, leave me alone with your smile  
And listen to the breaking, all the buildings we are making will be gone Precious, we are falling down, falling  
down  
Catch us

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