

# Favorite Son

## Anders Osborne

Why did you need to take that pill?  
never has and never will  
make you better make you well  
you're shackled in your self-inflicted cell  
sunlight you'll never see  
you're a prisoner of pharmacology  
and you're telling me you feel fine  
never better  
that's what you said in your last letter  
that was read aloud at your memorial last week  
where are you now?  
Up above?  
I hope you find some kind of love  
that isn't bottled or tamper-resistant  
but unconditional and consistent  
the peace you've spent you lifetime searching for  
if this is what it takes  
maybe others can learn from your mistakes  
and turn off that blacklight before it gets too late

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