

# A Hand to Take Hold of the Scene

## Okkervil River

I'm the band in a show  
Bout a man holding hands with his wife  
On a therapist couch with his face to the ground  
After fucking around countless nights  
And there's this one episode  
Close-up cameras were showing him crying  
His red head and his red eyes  
I'm the band in a show  
Bout a boy being buried alive  
From his head to his toes by a criminal  
But with a sensitive soul, with a set of raccoon eyes  
And there's this scene in the show  
When a hustler knows he's gonna die  
The ground opens and he climbs inside  
And as he speaks his last line  
A thought falls from his mind  
And I pick it up and write it through the TV  
Oh, oh, is there a hand to take hold of the scene?  
I'm a man in a dream  
And they're dancing in front of my eyes  
Is the queen informed of the flaws  
With the eyes all got odd and rumped into her spine  
She rises up like a young group from a heart  
Like a claw splits apart like a jaw, like an eye  
And she asks me with a sigh  
We were so far from right  
We were using the fight  
We were letting the light weaken it's beam  
Oh, oh, is there a hand to take hold of the scene?  
I wanted to smile like a glistening shot of a kiss  
That's as sharp as a knife, the day expires  
In the dry, cracked, trembling lips [Incomprehensible]  
But this gets inside  
I lift them up to you, I'd like to bear witness to  
Our life that is fine  
And is filling the cryingest eyes  
Gracing each face that is making the waste  
That is broken as one's fairly fly  
Love that is in us  
Of that ol' cynical covetest, cancerous vibe  
And a beauty that annihilates all life  
Like it's lived in these nights, holding your hatred tight  
Like a sign that should [Incomprehensible] you strong  
When the doors are shut tight, I will dream you tonight  
And my dream will just sweep you along  
When all the fires are fanned  
We'll shout you our plans  
We're too weak to stand on our two feet  
Oh, oh, is there a hand to take hold of the scene?

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