

# Chemistry

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my heart is on my sleeve my head is in the sand  
i said how did we end up here? you said happenstance  
but i didn't understand so i made other plans  
i ran to the ocean washed the blood off of my hands  
i washed away my tears washed away ten years  
washed away the empty space in-between my ears  
and you said all that i mean is that you and me  
didn't meet because of fate but rather probability  
and you said the truth's like corn and lies are like weeds  
you said the schroedinger equation collapsed perfectly  
and i said mercy me be patient please  
'cause i don't know a goddam thing about the birds and the bees  
i just know what i'm like and i'm like what i see  
even though it's hard to see because you just blinded me  
and if there's one thing i learned in chemistry  
it's that the gain of electrons is reduction, obviously  
but you can't see electrons without machines  
and you can't tell from my inflection if i'm being mean  
and i don't know if i can take you seriously  
sometimes elections depend on the absentees

and my family and my friends  
and all the little kids that love me make me strong  
and no matter how this ends  
i know i'll never ever ever be alone  
some day i'll be an old lady  
with a big dress and an apron  
a babushka and bare feet  
i'll be out in my garden  
on my hands and knees  
and i'll be singing a song  
that is really sad and sweet  
mommy and daddy your baby is grown  
and the smell of the cold, wet dirt reminds me home

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