Former Owner

Del Amitri

So who was first?

Obviously not me.

She's locked up inside herself

And I can't get anything free

So won't somebody tell me please

Why the former owner always keeps the keys. There's no bubbles to burst

No bursting out crying nor dying of thirst

She's utterly tied to somebody else

And it seems he got there first.

And no, I'm not untying

The reins around her neck that she feels

And I won't try to prise out of her the truth anymore

When she lies about the things that she sees

Because the former owner always keeps the keys. There's no calling

"come here, you're necessary to me."

There's no excitement in her face when I implore

"corrupt me and confess to me some more."

And when we hear trees falling or see people disappearing

Her emotions won't be reached or released.

Because the former owner is keeping the keysLike a ticket inspector running for a bus

Irony's revenge surrounds us.

And it's ironic that he promised you he'd never let you go

When he's left you used-up and disturbed

And I said "just as the early bird catches the worm

The early cat catches the bird"

But that former owner is keeping his word

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