

# You Learn to Live Without

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You learn to take your coffee black  
You learn to drink your whiskey neat  
You learn to take the shower cold  
And sleep on tired feet You learn to order dinner in  
You learn to send the laundry out  
You learn how to amuse yourself  
You learn to live without You tell yourself you're rich at last  
In money, and in time  
You draw bath and then unplug the phone  
You pour yourself a pinot, Clos Du Val, two thousand three  
You sit a spell, a queen upon her throne  
You go to bed alone You learn to fall asleep alone  
You learn to silence ticking clocks  
You learn to pull the shades at night  
And double-check the locks You learn to speak so calmly when  
Your heart would like to scream and shout  
You learn to stop, and breathe, and smile  
You learn to live without You find the coat and tie you thought you'd given to Goodwill  
You toss his fav'rite shoes onto the pile  
You see him in the faces of the boys he left behind  
And die a bit with ev'ry tiny smile  
But only for a while You learn to count the quiet wins  
An hour with no unprompted tears  
And not to count the deadly days  
As they fade into years You learn to stand alone at last  
So brave, and bold, and strong, and stout  
You learn somehow to like the dark  
And even love the doubt  
You learn to hold your life inside you  
And never let it out  
You learn to live and die  
And then to live  
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