

Tension Makes a Tangle

10,000 Maniacs

As frail hinges pivot on a case's door
Commemorative souvenirs from places
Containers change with each occasion
A cellophane encased display of paper certificate
To credit years of service
A tool of central enterprises
The only hope for permanence
The words, the rings, consistency
The social security, a miracle's high tragedy
Thought mistaken for a memory
Clear the dust from smiles in boxes
Pass a patterned wall, recall their voices
A local post will list your friends
In order of disappearance
The lawn scattered, tins feed birds
A portion baked for absent guests
And the mass edition icon
God sent comfort, your salvation
But who grants absolution
For sins that never were committed
Tension makes a tangle of each thought
Becomes an inconvenience
Sound as it never penetrates
As servile edges break and feint
Thought mistaken for a memory
A dress length assassination
A fractured family tie, another christening
Christening
A fractured family tie and another christening
Christening, christening
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