

# Wake

## The Antlers

With the door closed, shades drawn, the world shrinks  
Let's open up those blinds  
But someone has to sweep the floor  
Pick up her dirty clothes  
That job's not mine  
Now that everyone's an enemy, my heart sinks  
Let's put away those claws  
I don't blame them for their curtains-calls  
Because I pulled the rope  
I want to call them back out for applause

Spring and Thompson on the first of May is horrible  
We hid in catacombs  
So now I'm sleeping next to mousetraps  
In a bed of all our clothes  
While I hope that she won't come home  
It was easier to lock the doors and kill the phones  
Than to show my skin  
Because the hardest thing  
Is never to repent for someone else  
It's letting people in

Well you can come inside  
Unlock the door, take off your shoes  
But this might take all night  
To explain to you I would have walked out those sliding doors  
But the timing never seemed right  
When your helicopter came and tried to lift me out  
I put its rope around my neck  
And after that you didn't bother with the airlift or the rescue  
You knew just what to expect

That with the door closed, shades drawn  
We're dead enough  
They don't open from outside  
And someone has to speak with their teeth behind their tongue  
To never let that right be denied  
We can't rely on photographs and visitation time  
But I just don't know where to begin

I want to bust down the door  
If you're willing to forgive  
I've got the keys, I'm letting people in

Don't be scared to speak  
Don't speak with someone's tooth  
Don't bargain when you're weak  
Don't take that sharp abuse  
Some patients can't be saved  
But that burden's not on you

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