

# Tongue Tied

**Michael Ford, Jr.**

When my eyes aren't open wide  
When it's hard to make the time  
    When words are so uptight  
        Thoughts collide  
    If answers are unsure  
I've been through this before  
And an ocean fills my mind  
    I'm so tired  
    You can make a face at me  
But it's more than I can hide  
    You can place it all on me  
        And even though I try  
        I am speaking slowly  
But inside I am only wanting you  
    To hear me  
    Too late to make a sound  
    And I can't drown it out  
    Too much to say aloud

    I'm tongue-tied  
Too many strangers in the crowd  
    Only your face I have found  
    But with all the lines I try  
        I never find  
    You can make a face at me  
But it's more than I can hide  
    You can place it all on me  
        And even though I try  
        I am speaking slowly  
But inside I am only wanting you  
    To hear me  
    Too late to make a sound  
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    Too much to say aloud  
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