

# The Painted Desert

## 10000 Maniacs

The painted desert can wait till summer  
We've played this game of 'just imagine' long enough, wait till summer  
When I'm sure the rain has ended, the blooms have gone  
Everyone killed by the morning frost  
Is a cactus blooming there in every roadside stand  
Where the big deal this cowboy gear sewn in Japan? The painted desert can wait till summer  
We've played this game of just imagine long enough, wait till summer  
When I'm sure the rain has ended the blooms have gone  
Everyone killed by the morning frost  
Is a cactus blooming there upon the northern rim  
Or in the ruins of the Hopi Mesa dens? You met a new friend in the Canyon or so you wrote  
On a blanket in the cooling sand you and your friend agreed  
That the stars were so many there, they seemed to overlap The painted desert can wait till summer  
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When I am sure the rain has ended, the blooms have gone  
Everyone killed by the morning frost  
Was a cactus blooming there as you watched the native boy?  
In a flagstaff trailer court, you wrote the line  
'He kicked a tumbleweed and his mother called him home  
Where the Arizona moon met the Arizona sun I wanted to be there by may at the latest time  
Isn't that the plan we had or have you changed your mind?  
I haven't read a word from you since Phoenix or Tucson  
April is over will you tell me how long before I can be there?

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