

# Empire Builder

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this is not  
an escape  
but I don't know how to hold someone without losing my grip  
You'll say I  
was bound to leave  
since I first stepped  
across your borders  
since I crawled  
into your skin  
thought I heard you whisper in the dark  
that you knew where the light would be  
thought I saw your shape against the black  
thought I felt you moving beside me  
we are not alone  
and we are more alone  
than we've ever been  
so hurry up and lose me  
hurry up and find me  
again  
so I'll pass  
the lumber mills  
I'll pass the coal mines  
and the parks  
and the dried up oil fields  
I'll pass a thousand lonely pines  
that bend their backs against the sun  
but I'll mistake the station birds  
for the sound of my phone ringing  
thought I heard you whisper in the dark  
that you knew where the light would be  
don't wait for me to walk a straight line  
you can only hold your breath so long  
we are not alone  
and we are more alone  
than we've ever been  
so hurry up and lose me  
hurry up and find me  
again  
I am no less found to you

than when I crossed into your silence  
when I held your solitude  
but you never liked it  
when I'd play dead  
and you wondered why my lovesongs are always the grieving kind  
why I wonder all to search for my reflections in the crowd  
oh, forget I said love  
and also, don't forget I said love  
we are not alone  
and we are more alone  
than we've ever been  
so hurry up and lose me  
hurry up and find me  
again

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