

# A Martyr For My Love For You

## The White Stripes

She was sixteen and six feet tall  
In a crowd of teenagers comin' out of the zoo  
She stumbled, started to slip and fall  
Teeter-tottered on the top of patent leather shoes  
I happened to catch her and said  
"Maybe these ruby shoes are a little cumbersome for you"  
Maybe for you, now But not as shaky as I must have seemed  
Talkin' junk through her giggle, little teenage dream  
And on the phone I could not compete  
My dumb luck, fake competence was gettin weak  
For a sec I thought I sounded sweet  
But sure enough in a gruff, faint voice  
I heard myself speak I could stay a while but sooner or later I'll break your smile  
And I can tell a joke but one of these days I'm bound to choke  
And we could share a kiss but I feel like I can't go through with this  
And I bet we could build a home but I know the right thing for me to do  
Is to leave you alone, leave you alone, now I'm beginnin to like you  
So you probably won't get what I'm going to do  
I'm walkin' away from you  
It probably don't make much sense to you  
But I'm tryin to save you  
From all of the things that I'll probably say or do  
I'll probably do I could stay a while but sooner or later I'll break your smile  
And I can tell a joke but one of these days I'm bound to choke  
And we might share a kiss but I feel like I can't go through with this  
And I bet we could build a home but I know the right thing for me to do  
Is to leave you alone, leave you alone, now You'll probably call me a fool  
And say I'm doin' exactly what a coward would do  
An I'm beginnin to like you  
Its a shame, what a lame way to live but what can I do?  
I hope you appreciate what I do I'm a martyr for my love for you  
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