## Recoil

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Come home and my guitar has nothin' to say to me I recoil from all my friends and then I'm in misery Been so long since I've been held really since I was his Probably just need to be held that's probably all it is Course, then I think of my dad who time travels mostly now Back to when he was free and holding out hope somehow Who sits all day in a line of wheelchairs against a wall Inventing ways to play out time like us all, like us all To all the people out there tonight who are comforting themselves If you should happen to see my light, you can stop and ring my bell I'm just sittin' here in this sty, strewn with half written songs Taking one breath at a time nothin' much going on, nothin' much going on Little flashing zero on my answering machine Rats scratching at my brain, brain shuffling its feet Yes, I have my father's heart it may or may not keep on trying Can't really tell you what it is keeps me this side of that dark line But I'm not there to take care of him and I'm not here to take care of me I'm going outside to watch the house burn down across the street I'm going outside to watch the house burn down across the street To all the people out there tonight who are comforting themselves If you should happen to see my light, you can stop and ring my bell I'm just sittin' here in this sty, strewn with half written songs Taking one breath at a time nothin' much going on, nothin' much going on

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