You Stole My Bell

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There is a place
Underneath the staircase
Where I keep the evidence

Of what once would offer peaceIn a deep blue velvet box, filled with joy and pride Should I pick the locks? Should I peek inside?

Can I stand the sight of those happy days?

Should I strike a match, burn them all away?'Cause you stole my bell and you broke my chime

And the clock spins 'round but it won't keep time

There are many lovely girls in this cold and loveless world

But not one is the equal of you, heaven knows how much I love you

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But it's not quite like we thought

Those things were priceless then

Now I know, they can't be boughtIn a deep blue velvet box, fastened with a pin Should I lift the lid? Should I look within?

Was it my last chance or my first mistake?

Is it just a step that we'll never take?'Cause you stole my bell and you broke my chime

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