

# Ampersand

## Amanda Palmer

I walk down my street at night  
The city lights are cold and violent  
I am comforted by the  
Approaching sound of trucks and sirens Even though the world's so bad  
These men rush out to help the dying  
And though I am no use to them  
I do my part by simply smiling The ghetto boys are catcalling me  
As I pull my keys from my pocket  
I wonder if this method  
Of courtship has ever been effective Has any girl in history said  
Sure, you seem so nice, let's get it on  
Still I always shock them  
When I answer, "Hi, my name's Amanda" And I'm not gonna live my life  
On one side of an ampersand  
Even if I went with you  
I'm not the girl you think I am And I'm not gonna match you  
'Cause I'll lose my voice completely  
No, I'm not gonna watch you  
'Cause I'm not the one that's crazy I have wasted years of my life  
Agonizing about the fires I started  
When I thought that to be strong  
You must be flame retardant And now to dress the wounds calls into question  
How authentic they are  
There is always someone criticizing me  
She just likes playing hospital  
Lying in my bed I remember what you said  
There's no such thing as accidents But you've got the headstone all ready  
All carved up and pretty  
Your sick satisfaction  
Those his and hers matching The daisies all push up'n  
Pairs to the horizon  
Your eyes full of ketchup  
It's nice that you're trying The headstone's all ready  
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I'm not the girl you think I am And I'm not gonna match you  
'Cause I'll lose my voice completely  
No, I'm not gonna watch you  
'Cause I'm not the one that's crazy, yeah As I wake up to a cough  
The fire burned the block but ironically  
Stopped at my apartment  
And my house mates are all sleeping soundly And nobody deserves to die  
For you were awful adamant  
That if I didn't love you  
Then you had just one alternative And I may be romantic  
I may risk my life for it  
But I ain't gonna die for you  
You know I ain't no Juliet I'm not gonna watch you  
While you burn yourself out, baby  
No, I'm not gonna stop you  
'Cause I'm not the one that's crazy, yeah  
I'm not the one that's crazy, oh yeah  
I'm not the one that's crazy

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