The Last One

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Arms once bent towards me, now caught in hesitation

Legs once dancing, now wandering in place

Words once promising, to do, to have, to hold

What's worth saving, just to watch each other drown

Am I wrong?Oh here we are, here we are, here we are, dear

Are we near to the end, saving our breath?

Our histories bound, cold to our chest

Did I fail you? Did I fail love?

Here I am stealing the heat from your back

Still tracing the wall where your shadow was cast
With every voice whispering to us, "It's not lost! It's not lost! It's not lost!"

I tried to love you in disguise
I built an altar to your silence
I meant to undraw every line
Wore your loneliness so fondly
Could you keep the restless still?
The future stuck inside your throat
What's worth letting go?

I can't tell selfishness from love anymore
Oh here we are, here we are, here we are, dear
Are we near to the end, straining to hold
This ghost of a thing, alien being that was once love?
Is it still love?

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