Once and Not Speak

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I might be politic

Or I might just grab your hand

I'm not selfish with my story

I just want something, understandOh, this world is not for grieving

It's not grieving for my cry

And I hate this growl inside

Yes, I hate this growl insideAnd you better believe it

When I tell you that it's all growing

Until you learn to trustWell, this wash, it wasn't easy

No, this wash just doesn't dream

It just makes the whole thing cluttered, yes

And when you've seen the sights, it's best to screamI'm not stolen from the soulless

I'm just driven to the white

So, you really ought to catch me now

You really ought to join the fightAnd if I tell you all my secrets

That you ever wanted to hear, it's

Once and not speak, once and not speak

Once and not speakNo one wants to play this

No one likes the dark

And we just checked in for higher love

Well, that's another, you like sparksWell, I'll fly across the evening

Least, I'll smile across the hall to you

But it better not be fascinate

No, it better just be wall-to-wallAnd if I tell you all my secrets

That you ever wanted to hear, it's

Once and not speak, once and not speak

Once and not speakI'm the tired recluse, yes

And I'm tired of this courtyard

And every grateful day's the herd lineWell, the crafty were just leaving

They've forgotten how to talk

And that slither through the evening

Was just another kind of walk with meWell, I'll tell you what you wanted

Least, I'll stunt you with my grace

And I know it's all so easy

But I just want to find your faceAnd if I tell you all my secrets

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