

# Pollyanna

## Billy Joe Royal

So this is how it ends, toxic and deliberate  
She's blood red at the neck boiling off fingerprints  
This hospital love is making death seem elegant  
"Just don't breathe and we'll stop time"  
She said...."I got this delicate lisp that speaks in tongues  
and upper lips"  
Your silhouettes my favorite..  
I'm not letting go of it...She's got a leash that grips my teeth  
That cleans the air I breathe and  
It's wrapped around this city...You look so lovely running through my fingers  
(where everything always felt right)So she glides off the bed with unflinching  
relevance  
And completely motionless..  
You're so heavy, You're so warm  
Just a pillow I've used a thousand times before  
wrapped in velvet and filled with thornsI've got this weakening grip around her arms  
around her hips  
Your silhouettes my favorite  
I'm not letting go of it..She's got a leash that grips my teeth  
That cleans the air I breathe and  
It's wrapped around this city...You look so lovely running through my fingers  
(where everything always felt right)And I will chase it  
Grab it  
Stake it  
And run until she fakes itWe all bloom faster in an oncoming disaster  
And I will let this hurt...You look so lovely...

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