

Left Alone

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We made your major overtures when you were show an orotund mutt
And I was still a dewy petal rather than a moribund slut
My love wrecked you, you packed to twirl your skirt at the palace
It hurt more than it ought to hurt, I went to work to cultivate a callus
And now I'm hard, too hard to know
I don't cry when I'm sad anymore, no, no
Tears calcify in my tummy
Fears coincide with my tow
How can I ask anyone to love me
When all I do is beg to be left alone
Oh, when I try to love
I can love the same man in the same bed in the same city
But not in the same room it's a pity
But oh, it never bothered me before
Not til this guy, what a guy, oh God, what a good guy
And I can't even enjoy him
'Cause I'm hard, too hard to know
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Alone
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My ills are articulate
My woes are granular
The ants weigh more than the elephants
Nothing, nothing is manageable
So can't we skip the valedictories
I can see the joy there
Shut it and forget my number
'Cause I'm hard, too hard to know
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