

Eileen Afternoon

The haze lasted all day
It started in the morning when the buildings got warmer
And by the early evening everywhere was shining and golden
The haze lasted all summer
It made us feel like everyone was in a dream together
A million pictures on 2 million retinas in a thousand shades of yellow
When the water ran out and the ice cream melted
We lay down and stared as planes sliced the sky
Into a thousand parallelograms
From one horizon to the other

In the end we lost focus
Eileen afternoon forgot to hold us in her gaze
In the field I cut my losses, I took my shoes off, I gave myself to forces
while seconds lasted hours and moments stretched themselves out into days

The haze lasted all through the afternoon
It was there by the monkey cage and there up on the hill
And there above the seldom-used tennis court by the tree line
We tried to cut a frisbee through it
It slowed down so much it almost stopped
Suspended animation in a second hand sunbeam
The sky was like a lake and the air was like treacle
We couldn't smell the fumes of the burning plastic bags
We were fuelled by its beauty and lulled by the colours of its loneliness

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I split my lip it tasted sweet
I caught my hip, I burned my feet
I fell over and I grazed my knees
I cut myself, I didn't see blood
I looked down and found a shard of broken sunlight just lying there amongst the weeds

The Deep End

I was dreaming of drowning
Going down in the deep end
And the feeling was like dancing
I was gone gone gone I was gone

Oh yeah I was laughing
Oh yeah my lungs could fold
Oh yeah I could stop running
Thought I'd be running till I was old

It was sunny and my breath felt like glue

It was funny, but there was nothing left to do
And honey it's a long afternoon
There's no hurry
Although it will be gone so soon, gone so soon

Oh yeah I was smiling
As the water filled my lungs
Oh yeah I could stop running
I have been running since I was young

Road to Ruin

I'm gonna tell your mother what I found you doing
Cos I don't want my friends going down the road to ruin
It's not that I would rather be the one to betray
If you live without a father there are certain costs
you're gonna have to pay

You went to school and you came back different
You went to camp and you came back different
You went to college and you came back different
I tried my best to stay the same

I'm gonna tell your brother and he can tell your dad
Cos I don't wanna cop the blame if things ever go bad
Live without a calling, live without a care
You can live without remembering but there are certain costs
you're gonna have to bear

You got a job and you came home different
You started smoking and it made you different
You got a girlfriend and you became different
I tried my best to stay the same

You changed looks, you looked a bit different
You read books about being different
You went to parties and you came home
Alone, you felt so different

I tried my best to stay the same
I called you up, you sounded different
Said you were into something different
music had changed, no one listened
no one listened like you thought that they should
no one listened like you thought that they should
nobody listened like you thought that they should listen
nobody listened like you thought that they should

Remove the Arrow

I don't believe that you would love someone
As much as you used to love me

I'm afraid
I know your heart has grown cold
But I was the one, I was the one
I'm afraid
I know we're older now
But I was the one, I was the one
I'm afraid
For all who followed through your revolving door
They all would have seen my picture on your wall
I'm afraid
Lie awake feeling doomed
Light it enters through the wound
Leave it there, bittersweet
What's seeking me is what I seek
Have I removed the arrow?
For all who followed through your revolving door
They all would have seen my picture on your wall
I'm afraid, I'm afraid, I'm afraid, I'm afraid
I'm afraid you are a part of me forever
I know we're older now
But I was the one

Everybody's damaged

Everybody's damaged it's not their fault
How did you manage to weather the assault?
You learned the language
Look how hard you fought
Still you're too tangled up
In everything that you've been taught
To make it through unscathed
And roads are never paved

Everybody's damaged, everybody's caught

Everybody's calling
getting left on hold
Scared of falling
Out of the fold
Not finding a way
Lost in the melee
Everybody's calling
Everybody's cold
Still you're caught in
Everything that you've ever been told
Everything that you've ever been told

Not finding a way
Lost in the melee
Better start to tighten up the tourniquet
Better leave a light on
Better learn to pray

Everybody's frightened at what they've thought
Everybody's damaged
It's not their fault
It's not their fault

Like Buildings Collapsing

It could have been anyone
We got together right away
Young love ain't selective
Still you don't get a say

If you're on the rebound
It's gonna come crashing
You're gonna get needy
For a promise of protection and perhaps some passion

We knew not what was coming nor were we expecting
To be innocent victims in need of protecting
The collateral damage crossed over boundaries
It broke out of neighbourhoods and broke into families

We had the advantage, we could have controlled it
We just stood there watching as the chaos unfolded
Like buildings collapsing into the ocean
Like cars crashing in slow motion

We watched it unfolding, we saw all the danger
We look down and we're holding the hand of a stranger
It could have been anyone

Party Girls

Hanging round with bands is gonna spell trouble if you like to party
You spent your best years living in a bubble, trying to be arty

Party girls and party boys, some just didn't grow up right
You spent you twenties making a noise
And trying to stay upright

When you came to on the waiting room floor you felt cool and deep
Making up for years that you weren't there for didn't come so cheap

Playing Pink Floyd at the post gig drinks
Nailing down a session
Don't give a shit what the indie kids think
They need a rock n roll lesson
And we know they're gonna get one

Party girls and party boys
Just didn't grow up right
You spent your twenties trying to stay upright

But it kinda felt alright
You just wanted a whole night
Just to prove you were fighting
Prove you were fighting the good fight

Young Love

I am not the author of the story of your fate
I am just an actor
I only exist for this twist in the tale requires a dispatcher

The audience wants sadness and suspense
So let the drama now commence
The ending's never gonna make sense

Cos young love don't know logic
Young love don't know reason
Young love's halfway out the door before the end of the season

Young love's never gonna follow rules
It just wants to get shot of them
Young love knows all the ways to hurt you
God it's got a lot of them

Young Love, young love

It wasn't by my pen but I knew the scene would end with my finger on the trigger
In opposing roles we were both brought here by a power somewhat bigger

We both know I'm here to pull it
It's a real gun and real bullets
One has got your name on it

Young love isn't discerning
Young love doesn't care who'll get hurt
Haven't you noticed the bloodstain
Spreading 'cross the front of your shirt?

Young love's gone in the morning
Young love don't have no luggage
Still you ignored all the warnings and your heart got treated like rubbish

Young love's never gonna wait around
Young love's kinda impatient
Trying too hard is dangerous like becoming complacent

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Young Love, young love

Wish You Didn't Go Straight

You don't have to make excuses
There ain't nothing to explain
You don't have to tell me the whole story again
So you started to stop fighting
You can only fight so long
It was no secret that things had started to go pretty badly wrong

I was carefully deconstructing what I didn't understand
You started feeling lighter with no one to hold your hand

I heard you sold your skateboard
And I heard you got some new friends
I always miss the clues that say that stuff's about to end

And I heard that you left early
Gotta get to bed on time
I heard you cut your ties with the scene
I heard you cut your ties with crime

Buttoning your buttons to cover your tattoos
I wish you didn't get frightened and have to choose

And I wish you didn't hit the wall so hard
You can only choose your fate
I wish you'd stopped to wait
And I wish you didn't take it all so hard
I wish you never went straight
I wish you never went straight

Wires

We made a million miles of wires
We stayed up all night tending the fires
We wrote a billion books just to inspire us
We made the sky the stars and the seasons
Come down with dark malevolent reasons
Wrapped up in stories that terrified us

We burned the mountains, we melted stone
We wrote our names in the sand, made the desert our own
We summoned the storm, we harnessed the lightning
We broke everything more broke than it had ever been
Then we built it up again in new ways both wonderful and frightening

We stripped the flesh from each other's corpses
We crushed skulls for a lot of good causes
We rode through fields of blood on our enemies' horses
We made their river beds into our drains
We came and blew out their brains
Witness our guns witness our crosses

Bow to our temples they're our cages
We stayed up all night rewriting the pages
We raised our face towards the light
We've been waiting for ages
We turned our backs on the past
We ended up lashed to the mast
Waiting for saviours to come and save us
Feels like we're fresh out of favours

And from the hospital into the grave
We turned each other into slaves
Now with advertising and with buying
We formed formidable forces
We stayed up all night writing the clauses
To justify all the killing and all the lying
And to sign off on the cinema tie-in

We got electrical, it felt magical
We tried a lot of things to help us to forget
We developed chemicals we felt blessed
We put every molecule under house arrest
We got up and we got dressed, we felt depressed
We got up and we got dressed

Forever New

You wanna go surfing, I just wanna stay here on the sand
Got a warm cup of coke and about a dollar and twenty five cents in my hand
I can't afford to pretend any more
I just wish I'd gotten some kinda reason not to feel I'd be so easily forgotten
And I don't want to keep this going for ever

Down the beach I felt the warm tug of the sea on my arm
And all the bits of sand flying through the air just want to blast me clean
Daytime's yours but the night belongs to me
I've got this space inside I don't want you to see
But somehow I still end up feeling sadder than I feel I should be feeling
And I don't want to keep this going for ever

Past cold, I don't care any more
I feel like you should be more disappointed
The oblivion closes down around me like a cocoon
And I don't want to keep this going for ever

It's not good for me or you
I don't want to keep this going for ever