

# Tension Makes A Tangle

10,000 Maniacs

As frail hinges  
Pivot on a case's door  
Commemorative  
Souvenirs from places

Containers change  
With each occasion

A cellophane encased  
Display of paper  
Certificate  
To credit years of service

A tool of central enterprises  
The early hope  
For permanence  
The words

The rings  
Consistency  
The social security  
A miracle is high tragedy

Thought mistaken  
For a memory  
Clear the dust from  
Smiles in boxes

Pass a patterned wall  
Recall their voices

A local post  
Will list your friends  
In order of  
Disappearance  
The lawn scattered

Tins feed birds  
A portion baked for  
Absent guests  
And the mass edition icon

God sent comfort  
Your salvation  
But who grants absolution  
For sins that  
Never were committed

Tension makes a tangle  
Of each thought  
Becomes an inconvenience  
Sound as it never penetrates

As servile edges  
Break and  
Feint

Thought mistaken  
For a memory  
A dress length  
Assassination  
A fractured family tie  
Another christening

Christening  
Christening  
Christening