

Incomplete Lullaby

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Like a turning head
Like a second look
Like a burning leaf of an open book

Like a pounding sea
Like a messy crime
When your eyes first met with mine

Like a broken word
Like a tragic smile
Like a thousand steps or a single mile

Like a lonely chance
Like a savage glow
When you turned and said hello

I was just about to go
There were flowers on the ceiling
You left me feeling

Like a fading voice
Like a closing door
Like a dozen lies and a dozen more

Like a twisted tongue
Like distant bark
When we broke out in the dark

The stars looked like burning sparks
The lights were warm but chilling
You left me feeling

Tired
Could not close my eyes
On fire
But frozen inside
To run or to hide
Speechless my words could not melt
Whisper I wanted to shout
With out you I felt

Like a fleeting thought
Like a double eight
Like a gentle feel of a warming taste

Like a placid breath
Like a cool wind blows
When you stopped and held me close

Inside I nearly froze
Your touch is almost healing
You left me feeling

Tired
Could not close my eyes
On fire
But frozen inside

To run or to hide
Speechless my words could not melt
Whispered, I wanted to shout
With out you I felt

Like a setting sun
Like a last goodbye
Like an incomplete lullaby