

Tulip

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Are you lit from the inside
Is that why your teeth are bright?
You smile as the sunsets on the window
And the car fills up with light
Make a smile tulip, don't think of me
As something that's passed

I am not written in the book,
But I intend to last
And as the sun comes up you know
It's really going down
You only framed it incorrectly,
Now you cannot turn it round

If there's enough of us here left,
Then we'll drive it into town
And when we pass the field of tulips,
Then I'll put the knuckle down.
Don't frown tulip
Make a smile

Don't frown tulip
You know it's all worthwhile
There are lions by the roadside,
I was driving with my father
Through a dream of French forests

And all is warmth and solace
And all said He is with us
But always sad and serious
Standing outside in the garden,
Pained and peerless

Don't frown tulip
Make a smile
Don't frown tulip
You know it's all worthwhile
Make a smile at the end of your tether
This was never gonna last forever

The woods all were peopled
With daughters and sons
The teeming uncounted
And unchosen ones
Who don't dance anymore
They just move around in bubbles

And nobody notices
Nobody's troubles
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