## **St. Lawrence River**

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Smells on the air See there it's crushing the final impression The stains on the paper Where words fell like water Unearth all the changes that never did matter I think it's beginning to freeze here Caught in the rage and the fire of things All the brightness that burns me I'm fumbling through like a child in the dark When the nakedness comes I am shocked by the colour the glorious weight of your skin Comes alive And I never thought we'd make it back so soon Might be nice But I knew you'd be your own destroyer Comes a time And I always thought I'd make it up to you Here please forgive me Could we escape all the bitterness piled upon bitterness Held in the face of the things that I don't understand Intellectualize over and over This helplessness suits us Funny how quiet has slipped to our corners Worn all our edges away You are watching breathing and baiting Wanting and warming and cautiously waiting For some simple signal to creep cross your conscience Uncover redemption and oh did I mention I carried you down to the St. Lawrence River The banks running dirty the water's beginning to freeze here Solid by morning And I'll freeze here Winter by morning Comes a lie And I never thought you'd get me back so soon Might be nice But it's only if my own destroyer Comes alive And I always knew I'd make it up to you I saw on your face such a curious grin As I let go your hand I was desperate to hold you again But you're sinking so deep in the water Outsmarted myself and so easily gave up what I wanted Solid by morning What I wanted Winter by morning Comes alive And I never thought you'd make it up so soon Night be nice But I always knew you're my destroyer Comes a time

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