## Willetta

## Dear and the Headlights

Oh I was on my way to doing something else, you prop my eyelids up with toothpick thoughts

Thursday, shuffling feet on your cemetery lawn Weeping about your skin, in your sleep you just slid it off Just so you could get dressed up in this Your nightgown of oak, your ribbons of roots Is there nothing you want from me now, no help I could give but to lower you down?

Oh all your friends are standing by waving greedy goodbyes I've got nothing now that I want to say You wouldn't talk back anyway

And you know we won't do what you wanted us to There ain't nothing here to celebrate We're all worse off without you

At that feast in some two star hotel I'm circling the room and mingling half stunned Nauseous with the truth of it all Knowing here the whole time this won't really fade Now it just stays in out spines

Oh but we're all shaking hands offering condolences Stories of some envied youth, less life threatening more moot

And our eyes they all drown, our tongues get wrung out There ain't nothing here for us to taste that ain't bitter alre ady

They warn us our reservation is up, it just seems so cruel Like the parasites that eat your thoughts your plot gets covere d up By someone who never even knew you

Oh then the curtain comes down, the crowd it thins out There's no reason now for us to stay And we all hurry home because it won't be long till we're in yo ur place