

I Was a Kaleidoscope

Death Cab for Cutie

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And they were grouped in twos and threes
Like a Morse code message was sent from me to me

And cars on slippery slopes were stuck
People pushing through their mittens
As I was beginning
To feel it soaking through my shoes
Getting colder with every step I took
To your apartment, dear

I was a kaleidoscope
The snow on my lenses distorting the image
Of what was only one of you
And I didn't know which one to address
As all your lips moved

And this is when I forget to breathe
And all the things I scripted
They sound unfounded
And it's that look that you're giving me
That tells me exactly what you are thinking
"This ain't working anymore"

They got their mothers worked into a panic
Sledding down hills into oncoming traffic
And parents layered clothes
Until the children couldn't move then
And left them outside until their noises were blue
And I got left there, too

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