

## Five Small Words

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Maybe you'll recognize in time  
Maybe one day you will discover  
All the pain that lies behind  
You and your unfortunate love

Somebody might be more  
Unsuitable and strange  
With eyes that offer everything  
And are capable of danger

My mind turns over lies you told  
Things said to your other lover  
Sweet as they had been to me  
You lay there telling them to each other

Now I stand outside the door  
My head is filled phrases  
Inside someone's calling out  
Their voices rise with praises

Five Small Words  
"I don't want you anymore"  
Five Small Words  
"I don't need you anymore"  
Five Small Words  
Coward that you are, you would faithlessly implore  
"Baby please don't leave me"  
"Why don't you believe me?"  
"Why did you deceive me?"

It didn't take some shiny dagger  
The tattooed fingers grip and hone  
I walked under some dark ladder  
Heard your final loving moan  
All your indiscretions are  
So merciful and brief  
Genteel poison sprinkled on your Spanish handkerchief

Five Small Words  
"Don't you love me anymore?"  
Five Small Words  
But then who is keeping score?

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"Why don't you believe me?"  
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Maybe in time you'll want me more  
Accidentally like this '45  
This '44