The Judgement

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The accused will rise to be torn in two Guilty of nothing but loving you This is the judgement

And I'm willing to plead How you don't want me Hoping this torment will cease Will I be released?

There'll be lies, there'll be tears A jury of your peers With a pitiful lack of experience Hand down the judgement

And if I done wrong
And loved you too long
Stand up and just testify
How can I deny?

Objection overruled
I wait for my reprieve
With the trust of the deceived
The wisdom of the fool

It's his sorrowful face
Too heavy for his head
Cos he bowed it as something come over him
It was the judgement

He falls to his knees
Have mercy on me
He clings to the hem of her gown
She says, "Just take him down."