Black Rose

Future Islands

Lead not for loss And you'll bleed not for long Lost in streets, unnamed by your fate Go unplayed, all the records, you've reclaimed

But it's easy, in the winter Where the white smoke Rises slow like finding, something waiting Where no one goes It makes a sound like dying Was it trying to say "I'd give you all and diamonds, just for one more replay"

Just one chance to say

Keep me close, I'll never weep My love's asleep

I've kept it close and guarded tight From dead of night

And laid a cross of iron dross upon my door The way you laid across our bed some time before

In the winter There's a black rose Its beauty, something blinding Curling wilding Through the white snow It makes me feel like diamonds Was it dying to say "I'll give you all but silence, just for one more replay"

Just one chance to say

"As my lover goes my garden grows" As she looks away I hear her say "As my garden grows, my lover goes" "As we look away, I hear him say"

"Stay."