Total Eclipse of the Moon

Graham Parker

Run and beat the shadow
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Of the quickly setting sun
All the tides in the ocean
Couldn't pull it back
The eclipse had already begun
And it turned inside you
With a grind of gears
Like the blast from a point blank gun
All the shifts in the planets
Went into action
Like an engine just switched on
And left you

Standing with the shadow of the earth between you
Like an artery blocked by the things you locked up
And it wouldn't matter what went on between you
Because your heart just stopped when she stopped the clock
You don't mean a drop in the ocean to her
Now a whole different shudder of love run through her
And it's not a moment too soon
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Look inside the telescope
Look into the lens
Understand what the distance is
All the forces of nature
Coming together
In a total lunar eclipse
Try to hold it together
In a moment of madness
With the kiss of a strangers lips
All the shifts in the planets
Kick into action
And the heart in your chest just rips
And leaves you

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Repeat 1st verse

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