

## Man Burning

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Don't stand so close to me  
Don't be another tragedy  
I've burned everybody who had a hand to lend

A man burning at both ends  
No one put me in this hell  
I lit a fire underneath myself  
Now I'm blazing the same old trail back to you again

A man burning at both ends  
A dangerous thing to know about  
No painless way to put me out  
You either make a bed that's cold  
Or you're walking barefoot over coals  
I regret the things I've done  
Bitter words and fiery tongues  
And letters burned to smoke and then turned to wind

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A dangerous thing to know about  
No painless way to put me out  
You either make a bed that's cold  
Or you're walking barefoot over coals  
We ran barefoot through the reeds  
Wetted down and with the need  
The tide though high and getting higher  
Could not put out the man on fire

Look look look look look down your street for me  
Look look look look look up your the window please  
You'll see a light where before no light had been  
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