

## Lambs

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We woke up raw from two hours' sleep  
We blinked like owls and stretched our feet  
The face on the wall says "oh you've changed-  
You're a million miles from your desperate days"

We kissed so warm that my skin it smiled,  
I watched your face through my half-closed eyes  
The day was new but the story old  
And we already know how the end unfolds  
That's why  
We are keeping our heads clear  
That is why  
We are holding ourselves here

And I'm sorry that I've curled into a ball you can't unroll  
That I buried my head behind a red brick wall  
But led like a lamb you'd have died in my hands  
That's why I know you'll understand

I saw myself in the way you paused  
The way that we laugh when we are not sure  
We've pressed our lips to another's cheek  
But it makes no difference and it brings no tears

And I often think that we are not made  
To be neatly positioned in each other's way  
And I won't join those who do not wait  
For they commit their love to an early grace  
That's why  
There's no weeping in my eyes  
That is why  
We will taste the coming years

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