

## New Storms For Older Lovers

La Dispute

"I've come here as a man in shambles  
Worn out from begging on my knees  
Please, I'm just trying to  
Keep my family together  
Now, when you saw your lover  
Wore a ring around her finger  
Why didn't you stop?

I have half a mind to make you hurt  
To make you bleed, to make you suffer  
I swear, if you've touched her  
Oh, heaven, forgive what  
I would do to you, you monster!  
And think about your children?  
They'll never believe what you've done

Listen, I'm begging you, back off  
Let me rebuild all the things that you shattered

She meant it, I swear that she meant it  
She whispered so often  
'Husband, I'll always be here with you.'

But always is always and always is valueless.  
I wish I'd never heard her speak a word.

And I hope you see us  
Your wife and your children and I  
Buried in the wreckage of your crime  
While you're laying down your sins  
Softly leaning in to kiss your guilt goodnight."

She is mine.  
You stole her, somehow tricked her  
But we'll survive. We will.  
She loves me dearly - you'll see.  
You are blind. She loves me dearly.

Breathe in.

He finally paused to take a breath  
Then looked down - it felt like staring into hell.  
The man was seated in a chair before him, silent,  
A statue framed in pain and flesh. He thought,  
"Oh, what more can I say to sway him?  
To make this statue speak?  
I swear he's made of stone  
And I am barely stirring up a breeze."

And after waiting in the silence  
Finally turned around to leave  
Broken and barely through the doorway  
Breathing slowly, beating hard  
He heard him speak:

"I guess love's a funny thing  
The way it fades away without a warning.

It doesn't ask to be excused.  
And when it's gone, oh, it's gone  
And it ain't ever comin' back

There is nothing you can do to save it,  
To make it breathe the way it did  
When you were sliding on the ring.  
Trust me: It's gone for good.

Now there is nothing you can do to stop me.  
She is happy when she is with me  
And I am finally alive. I'm sorry."