This Town

Marillion

The cars leave their trails of hot and cold light inside my head

Like burned-in long exposure pictures
The wheels spin slowly backwards
Strobing in the amber light
And the rain comes down and washes my brain
But it don't get clean
This town has turned me into what I have become
This town dresses me up like a stranger
This town performs in the window like the ultimate gift
This town takes us down
I feel like I'm losing you to this town

We were saving our money for half of our lives
We were saving our dreams
And we came to this place to make the chances real
In the big city
But I've been counting the days
I've been watching you change
And I can feel it dying
The noise outside takes you in its arms
Like a lamb to a lion

And down there somewhere among the noise The magazine dolls and the big money boys Move silently on their easy heels They move silently on their greasy wheels

This town has turned me into what I have become
This town dresses you up like a stranger
This town hangs around in the doorway and tells me I'm late
This town takes us down, takes us down
I feel like I'm losing you to this town

The morning breaks and I watch you awake This town takes you down away from me again