

Darker With The Day

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1. So without a thought I thought I'd take a final walk
The tide of public opinion had started to abate
The neighbors (bless 'em) had turned out to be all talk
I could see their frightened faces peering at me through the gate
 2. Was looking for an end to this for some kind of closure

Time moved so rapidly I had no hope of keeping track of it
And I thought of my friends who had died of exposure
And I remembered all the ones who had died from the lack of it
 3. And in my best shoes I started falling forward down the street
Stopped at a church and jostled through the crowd
Love followed just behind me panting at my feet as the
Steeple tore the stomach from a lonely little cloud
 4. Inside I sat seeking the presence of a God
Searched through the pictures in a leather-bound book
And I found a wooly lamb dozing in an issue of blood
And a gilled Jesus shivering on a fisherman's hook
- R: Babe
It seems so long
Since you've been gone away
And I just gotta say
That it grows darker with the day
5. Back on the street I saw a great, big smiling sun
It was a good day and an evil day and all was bright and new
And it seemed to me the most destruction was being done
By those who could not choose between the two
 6. Amateurs, dilettantes, hacks, cowboys, clones
The streets groaned with little ceasars, napoleons, and cunts
With their building blocks and their tiny plastic phones
Counting on their fingers with the crumbs down their fronts
 7. I passed by garden so you with your flowers
The camellias, magnolias, and azaleas so sweet
I stood there invisible in the panicking crowds
You looked so beautiful in the rising heat
 8. I smell smoke see little fires bursting on the lawns
People carry on regardless listening to their hands
Great cracks appear in the pavement, the earth yawns
Bored in disgusted to do us down
- R: Babe...
9. All these streets are frozen now; I come and go
Full of a longing for something I do not know
My father sits slumped in the deepening snow
As I search in and out, above, about, and below
- R: Babe...

