

## Your Past Life as a Blast

Okkervil River

Your life, back in a banner year  
A blast of light, a brace of cheers  
A house of wild accolades  
Evaporating on an August night

I'm looking out into the sound  
I'm breathing deep, I'm turning 'round

(I'm saying,)  
"Do ya, do ya want to swim out to that island?"  
(I'm thinking,)  
Touch my wrist. It's shaking just like someday  
baby when we're older.  
(I'm wishing:)  
Cash will be inside our kisses, someday,  
maybe, baby when I'm gold.

Your hair is thin and light  
As a white forest fire in summertime  
Your throat, where it's exposed  
Looks like a crime  
I'll sneak-up slow and whisper quiet

Your pretty face looks like an island  
Rising from a sea that's slowly drying  
(When I'm saying,)  
"Do ya, do ya want to sail out in the silence?"  
(I'm asking,)  
"Will ya, will ya come over here and do me violence?"

Press your ear up to my wrist  
the blood is racing some way, going wherever,  
(I'm saying,)  
"Will ya, will ya stand up tall and be my shelter?"

How will we go? What do you think?  
Into the dust? Into the drink?  
You slipped your fears into my head  
Some midnight freeway ride along with Jennifer

Hotels, jails, hospital details  
The highway hugs the water  
I had to cross a field of seething fire  
To see the moonlight on the river

(I'm saying,)  
"Do ya, do ya want to come and make me shiver?"  
(I'm thinking,)  
Squeeze my arm and feel it pull away like someday,  
baby, when we differ.

I'll tell you what I didn't say  
I'll tell you about the way I really miss him  
You tell them what you want to tell them.  
Tell them 'bout the way you really loved her

Shake it, shake it, shake it off

And take another  
'Cause no one, no one is going to stop me  
From loving my brother  
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Not even my brother