

# The Ones We Couldn't Be

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It's hard to say now who left first  
It used to seem so clear  
You and I were tangled from the start  
Somehow the scales just fell away  
And I'm left standing here  
Blown open in the hole that was my part

I wrap the dark around me  
There's no solace here tonight  
There's just wishing and regret for company  
My glass is raised for all the ways  
We tried to get it right  
And I'm sorry for the ones we couldn't be  
I'm so sorry for the ones we couldn't be

Looking through these photographs  
Searching for a clue  
How you and I got tangled from the start  
Not even blood could forge a bond  
Enough to get us through  
Or stem the tides that pulled us far apart

I'm sorry for the ways I couldn't give you  
What you needed  
For all the ways I strung us both along  
They say it goes both ways and I suppose  
I could concede it  
Seems to matter more, now that you're gone

And though it seems much kinder  
Just to leave some things unsaid  
Like all the ways I tore myself apart  
If you really want forgiveness, better  
Try the truth instead  
It may not be enough, but it's a start

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I'm so sorry for the one I couldn't be