

## Why Do You Turn Your Back?

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When you were helpless, before you knew  
He gave you shelter until you grew  
He kept you secret, then he gave you a name  
You drank from a river, you slept in the hay

You grew up running, into the wind  
You grew up fighting a war you'd never win  
Against a foe you'd never seen  
Pretending to be what you'd never been

Why do you turn your back on your best friend?  
Why do you turn your back on the one who loves you?  
Why do you turn your back on your best friend?  
The only one who ever really cared  
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When you were burning, the sky would pour  
When you were drowning, he threw you ashore  
He saved your life, o just to be  
The one who turned back his enemy

And now you're like a bolted door  
No-one can change the lock, your palace is secure  
You're the king and the prisoner  
But don't you hear the knocking at the door?

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And now you falter, afraid to live  
And now you hold back, afraid to be the giver  
And do you ever think  
Of the friend who gave you gifts like a river?

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