

# My First Kiss at the Public Execution

The Blood Brothers

The carnival's glossy ghosts  
zebra-painted horses parade  
the cotton candy prostitutes  
caramel apple corpses singing:  
"Just this way to the neon orange gallows!  
Tonight we tie the noose around the killer's collar!  
Watch him play his wind pipe organ!"

Just five dollars to see a face explode, to see a man strung up  
by his throat.  
Come one! Come all!  
If you look close enough  
you'll see death's machinery exposed.

So won't you hold me closer  
just one more minute  
until the executions over?  
just one more minute  
Won't you behead another  
c'mon we're waiting  
won't you shock and entertain us?

The hangman selling tickets to the sparkling death scene.  
Tonight we watch the rope choke a conscience clean.  
See it up close, see it in person!

His lips spun like revolving fun house doors as the hush kisses  
at our neck nape.

"Any final words for your loving audience?"  
says the man with the dazzling sapphire cape.

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Won't you shock and entertain us? (2x)

Until the end of the world?

Snap, snap, snap goes the neck.  
"Rah, rah, rah!" the audience.  
Black, black, black goes his face.  
The sky spreads like thighs inside lace. (2x)