

1930

The Gaslight Anthem

Give me mercy and a minute now  
I'm a bleed a little poison out  
I'm a cry a little river down  
And then I'm setting this whole thing on fire

And I'm burning up the night she died  
And I'm putting every last picture aside  
I'm gonna say what I need to say  
In my very last letter to you

Cause you always made it clear  
Said that you'd never be my pain  
So here's to you and your bright baby blues  
And just a pause to cool the refrain

And you said you were satisfied  
And now this body's just waiting to die  
And that you missed him sometimes but you said it's alright  
It's just a whole lot harder alone

But I wish you knew her now  
She's a better side of me now  
And I'm doing the best I can  
It's what you wanted

And I see you like you were there  
And I know just how you'd smile  
Mary, you looked just like it was 1930 that night

But here the days will eat you alive  
But I won't give in tonight  
You said it's not worth my time  
And not to regard them

And not to settle just for piece of mind  
But I can wait it out all night  
If you'll just keep breathing

But Mary I found a sound  
And this heart keeps pouring it out  
And the glory hasn't come and it's probably gonna fade  
Like a tattoo that hides the shame

And the reasons always fade  
And the pain gets out some day  
So I'm saying my goodbyes to your deep blue eyes  
Cause I don't know how to say, "Stay still in the pain.  
Stay still in the pain."

But I wish you knew her now  
She's a better side of me now  
And I'm doing the best I can  
It's what you wanted

And I see you like you were there  
And I know just how you'd smile  
Mary, you looked just like it was 1930 that night

If I recall the last thing you said to me  
Before it broke up, before it took you from me  
And you said, "I love you more than the stars in the sky  
But your name just escapes me tonight."