

## Noctifer Birmingham

### The Mountain Goats

i had to stop and catch my breath  
when the telephone rang out as loud as death  
it was three in the morning  
there was a low drone of katydids behind your voice  
when i came down from harrisburg pennsylvania  
and i saw you by the highway

you asked me if the north was alright  
and i said it got kind of cold at night  
i could feel your bones shivering way down there in  
birmingham  
and when i came down from harrisburg pennsylvania  
and i saw you by the highway

you reminded me of all the things you'd given up forever  
and you asked about the children  
and you asked about the weather  
and then i came down from harrisburg pennsylvania  
and i saw you by the highway