

Tongue Behind My Teeth

The Staves

I know where you're going
And I see where you been
Patience is a virtue
And mine with you is wearing thin

It's easy to sit and wait

Speaking in words you've stolen
From better men than you
Doors they helped you open
In time will cease to let you through

Is it easy to stand and sigh?
Bid another friend goodbye?

Oh oh ooooh
Oh oh ooooh
Oh oh ooooh
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Lights can shine too bright, dear
So nobody can see
Hide safe behind your light, dear
But understand it won't blind me

And I know it would do no good
I'd hurt you if I could

Oh oh ooooh
See my eyes
Oh oh ooooh
Open wide
Oh oh ooooh
Speak up now
Oh oh ooooh
Hold your peace forever and be done

Eyes down
Door closed
Keep quiet
Growing old
I know you
I see you
Cling to
The road you ride on
Homeless, more or less
Skin and bone
On your own
I'll be alright
I'm doing fine
Keep my tongue behind my teeth
And get gone
You never were
Anyone
Keep your words, keep your mind
I'll keep my tongue behind my teeth
Tongue behind my teeth

And I know it would do no good
But I'd hurt you if I could
Oh oh ooooh