

# Cigarettes & Saints

## The Wonder Years

Twice a week I pass by the church that held your funeral  
And the pastor's words come pouring down like rain  
How he called you a sinner and said now you walk with Jesus  
So the drugs that took your life aren't gonna cause you any pain  
I don't think he even knew your name  
And I refuse to kneel and pray  
I won't remember you that way

I lit you a candle in every cathedral across Europe  
And I hope you know you're still my patron saint  
I tried to forgive, but I can't forget the cigar in his fist  
I know that they were heartsick, but I need someone to blame  
And I know how they blamed me  
I know what you'd say  
You'd tell me it was your fault  
I should put all my arrows away

I'm sure there ain't a heaven  
But that don't mean I don't like to picture you there  
I'll bet you're bumming cigarettes off saints  
And I'm sure you're still singing  
But I'll bet that you're still just a bit out of key  
That crooked smile pushing words across your teeth

Cause you were heat lightning  
Yeah, you were a storm that never rolled in  
You were the northern lights in a southern town  
A caustic fleeting thing  
I'll bury your memories in the garden  
And watch them grow with the flowers in spring  
I'll keep you with me

These wolves in their suits and ties  
Saying, "Kid, you can trust me"  
Charming southern drawl, sunken eyes  
Buying good will in hotel lobbies  
Buy fistfuls of pills to make sure you don't hurt no more  
You don't gotta feel anything  
Got their fangs in our veins  
Got their voice in our head  
Got our arms in their grips  
No, we can't shake free

This goddamn machine, hungry and heartless  
My whole generation got lost in the margin  
We put our faith in you and you turned a profit  
Now we're drowning here under the waves  
(We're no saviors if we can't save our brothers)  
Drowning out under the waves  
(We're no saviors if we can't save our brothers)  
Drowning out, drowning out

You can't have my friends  
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You can't have my friends

You can't have my brothers  
You can't have me  
No, you can't have me