

# Smoke and Ashes

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I'd heard rumors and I'd heard talk  
About the trail you'd left of broken hearts  
About the sea of tears too wide to cross  
But a little bad press has never scared me off  
So I burned a path to figure out  
How to get me some of what you got

I've got a red hot heart  
If the talk is true your's is the same  
And we should be together  
And let our passions fan love's flame

When I looked for you I almost passed you by  
You were so cool and calm  
I thought my friends had lied  
But I thought so much reserve must make you wild inside  
It was there and then that I knew  
I had to get some of what you got

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I thought I'd won your heart when I held you hand in mine  
I thought it was true love the way we complemented each other  
But my right is your wrong  
And when you're right then I'm left with nothing  
Your light and your heat have all been spent  
Leaving only smoke and ashes  
Only smoke and ashes baby

I've got a red hot heart  
And your heart's as blue as the blood in your veins  
I say there's fire down below  
You say it's only smoke and ashes baby

I'm crying all the time  
Salty stinging tears  
And mourning for the past carbon-dated years  
But knowing now for certain that you were always right  
Because if a breeze could blow you out of my life  
It's only smoke and ashes baby  
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And your heart's as blue as the blood in your veins  
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I was blinded by devotion  
My unwavering love for you  
So blinded that I thought all your lies were true  
But now I know for certain since you've gone away  
It was just a smoldering fire I mistook for a blaze  
Only smoke and ashes baby

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Only smoke and ashes baby, baby ...