Tulip

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Are you lit from the inside Is that why your teeth are bright? You smile as the sunsets on the window And the car fills up with light Make a smile tulip, don't think of me As something that's passed

I am not written in the book, But I intend to last And as the sun comes up you know It's really going down You only framed it incorrectly, Now you cannot turn it round

If there's enough of us here left, Then we'll drive it into town And when we pass the field of tulips, Then I'll put the knuckle down. Don't frown tulip Make a smile

Don't frown tulip You know it's all worthwhile There are lions by the roadside, I was driving with my father Through a dream of French forests

And all is warmth and solace And all said He is with us But always sad and serious Standing outside in the garden, Pained and peerless

Don't frown tulip Make a smile Don't frown tulip You know it's all worthwhile Make a smile at the end of your tether This was never gonna last forever

The woods all were peopled With daughters and sons The teeming uncounted And unchosen ones Who don't dance anymore They just move around in bubbles

And nobody notices Nobody's troubles Nobody notices Nobody's troubles Don't frown tulip Make a smile Don't frown tulip You know it's all worthwhile Make a smile at the end of your tether This was never gonna last forever Don't frown tulip Don't frown tulip