

## Country Sky Glow

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You carry the beach in your way too short hair  
That you shaved off last week  
Cause you freaked and got scared  
That when it's longer, you remind me of her

So you offered it up  
With what passed for authority  
A strict sort of challenge  
That you directed straight at me  
You said "forget her, I don't care what you two were"

So it's a trick on your ego  
A two-step off tempo  
A solid gold bracelet  
Under lights in a window  
In some shopping mall  
Where I never go

You play coy and count tiles  
Drag your toes through the water  
Raise your eyes, bite your lip  
And my mind's in the gutter  
You move at me and take my face in your hands

I feel light bulbs explode  
And a fire crack thunder sends  
The slow seismic shift  
The sprawling cloud cover  
But when we're finished  
I feel awful again

So it's the same sorry story  
Just the cast changes nightly  
It skips like a record  
But it glows like a movie  
You're the country sky  
That I never see

Shake in your voice  
Makes me feel empty and ugly  
All scattered anger like a windstorm  
Howling violently  
And I wanna fade out  
And wake up somewhere else  
Where no face is familiar  
And I'm left by myself  
To keep plugging away  
On my own wasted time  
To eat badly and spend all my money and write  
To not feel too guilty  
To be tired at night  
Since I'm not fixing things here  
I'll leave them behind  
So you make your decision  
Cause I'm through making mine

Now I walk where the street

Swallows light like it's water  
I see the slant of your smirk  
On every kid at the corner  
But if you called  
I'd never know what to say  
So I just hope you never will  
Cause things are easier that way