

The Lesson

The Lemon Twigs

It's best to not breathe in at all
Your teachers say
The toxins in the air will take your life away
But don't believe a word from them
You'll be okay
For I will breathe with you

You can't afford to show your face
And smile back
The spark of a new love can cause a heart attack
So leave me here to smile
Until my teeth turn black
And I won't grieve for you

And in the coming years
We all will disappear
Into the clouds that the rain falls from
And if we make believe
Our bodies create the seas
We'll feel less worrisome

I can't pretend to know why some die by the sword
Was taught when I was young
One day I'd meet the Lord
But sitting here in class
That talk just makes me bored
While others nod their heads

I've always felt this distance I could not explain
I've chalked it up as something wrong inside my brain
But maybe we're all lost
Since we all bleed the same
Remember what I said

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