

## Here for Now

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I bet you're wondering if you woke today  
just to learn why the caged bird sings  
I bet you're wondering if the goddesses are all crazy  
or just keeping it interesting  
situated slightly outside society  
at odds with its odd offerings  
I bet you're teetering on the edge of sobriety  
just to alleviate a few things

Like the fear that you're standing here  
because you want to be liked  
like you know you need your instrument  
but does your instrument need to be mic'd  
and you keep imagining that pretty soon  
you will just disappear  
and thinking that one thing is what saves you from  
your fear of being here  
here for now, you're here for now, you're here for now

I bet you're looking for the little red 'X'  
next to the red arrow and the sign says 'you are here'  
I bet you're hoping that your heart will send up the white flag  
this time  
or some sign that the coast is clear  
and the moment when your heart jumps in all that's happening  
it's like the first time you felt that shock  
yes, your heart jumps in all that's happening  
and I was right behind the door when you knocked

Thinking maybe I'm just standing here  
because I want to be liked  
yes, I know I need my instrument  
but does my instrument need to me mic'd  
I keep imagining that pretty soon  
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and thinking that one thing is what saves me from  
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