

# Palinopsis

Arm's Length

I stared at you so long  
Your silhouette's burned on my corneas  
I've loved you long enough  
My limbs still twitched when you took my head clean off

I was defined by someone I have bad dreams of  
At least I knew who I was

I'll find you when I'm fragile for you  
But don't fix me if I'm not broke  
No, I don't breathe the way that I was born to  
When I catch my breath, I choke

That takes me back when I was young  
The innocence that you knew nothing of  
Thank God I'm not who I once was  
But I wish you knew me when I was still as soft

Last month, you called, but no one just calls  
Thought something happened  
With you, I'm shocked it hadn't

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I haven't healed how I had hoped  
When I catch my breath, I choke

Drove back to my hometown, but I can't find our old house anymore  
I've got good sense of direction, I just didn't expect it  
Between all the chain stores  
I knew it would change, but I wished not in the ways that made it pure  
You used to know me so well, I tell you, "I'm still myself  
Time's just run its course"

You loved the smell of gas and of the fresh-cut grass when we still had a yard  
I take you back to the old days, the ones that made future shit so hard  
Man, you know where to find me, it's not in my nature to go that far  
I'm your open wound, and you never can tell  
If it'll heal on its own, or if I'm desperate for help