

## Piazza, New York Catcher

Belle and Sebastian

Elope with me Miss Private and we'll sail around the world  
I will be your Ferdinand and you my wayward girl  
How many nights of talking in hotel rooms can you take?  
How many nights of limping round on pagan holidays?  
Oh elope with me in private and we'll set something ablaze  
A trail for the devil to erase

San Francisco's calling us, the Giants and Mets will play  
Piazza, New York catcher, are you straight or are you gay?  
We hung about the stadium, we've got no place to stay  
We hung about the Tenderloin and tenderly you tell  
About the saddest book you ever read, it always makes you cry  
The statue's crying too and well he may  
I love you

I've a drowning grip on your adoring face  
I love you, my responsibility has found a place beside you  
And strong warnings in the guise of gentle words  
Come wave upon me from the family wider net absurd  
"You'll take care of her, I know it, you will do a better job"  
Maybe, but not what she deserves

Elope with me Miss Private and we'll drink ourselves awake  
We'll taste the coffee houses and award certificates  
A privy seal to keep the feel of 1960 style  
We'll comment on the decor and we'll help the passer by  
And at dusk when work is over we'll continue the debate  
In a borrowed bedroom virginal and spare

The catcher hits for .318 and catches every day  
The pitcher puts religion first and rests on holidays  
He goes into cathedrals and lies prostrate on the floor  
He knows the drink affects his speed he's praying for a doorway  
Back into the life he wants and the confession of the bench  
Life outside the diamond is a wrench

I wish that you were here with me to pass the dull weekend  
I know it wouldn't come to love, my heroine pretend  
A lady stepping from the songs we love until this day  
You'd settle for an epitaph like "Walk Away, Renee"  
The sun upon the roof in winter will draw you out like a flower  
Meet you at the statue in an hour  
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