

Adding the Blue

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Everybody's asking where did you go?
This was gonna be my masterpiece
The paint's not even dry yet, oh no
I could trace the outline of a shadow
I need blood and breath
To mix my colours

Where did you go
After you promised me a portrait
Took off your clothes, held a pose
Drawing your arms, your hands and veins
And fingers and your lips
Broken nose
On your eyes, so just stare into the distance
Please don't move, whatever you do
While I'm adding the blue

I know I'm not Monet or Van Gogh
I can't draw like S. Clay Wilson
You got inside this brush
That drips with red
I can't draw from memories or photos
I need blood and breath
But you left me nothing

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Closed this chapter yesterday
Take this page and throw it away
Fill the holes in, sand the wall

You were never here at all
The warmth where someone never stood
Promises were never good
The smell of human sweat and tears

A passing thought, the passing year, baby

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