

## Before

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There's a place I'd go  
Before it all broke down  
Where we carried on and carried the fire  
But managed not to burn the sea or the town

Before we sharpened up our teeth  
Before the crash and the shame  
When I could still hear your voice  
When your tongue still knew my name

But you left me there  
With just a memory  
How do I feel your love  
Adrift on this plastic plague of a sea?  
Is this all of the grace you'll allow?

I would kneel down low  
Under stained glass light  
To taste your body to taste your blood  
Then count the minutes till we'd reunite

Before the gulf turned black  
Before this town got too close to the flames  
When I would wait at the door like a dog  
For you to wrap your tongue 'round my name

But you left me here  
With just a memory  
How do I feel your love  
Adrift on this plastic plague of a sea  
Is this all of the grace you allow?  
I begged you before and I'm begging you now  
Will the slaughter convince you to stay?  
The cross wouldn't hold you but this time you won't get away

I'll leave you there  
Just a memory  
You will not feel my love  
Adrift on this plastic sickening sea

This is all of the grace I'll allow  
I begged you before, I'm not begging you now  
The slaughter convinced me to stay  
But this time you won't get away  
You won't get away