

# The Man I Knew

Dessa

By the time that you told me it was already plain that you'd changed  
But your conscience was clean and as white as a line of cocaine  
My back to the wall of your bedroom apartment  
You're talking in circles, got two cigarettes burning

And I couldn't hide how afraid I was to see you so strange  
Don't get me wrong, I've got no ill will for you  
It'd just been so long, I thought I'd always know you  
But you're so far gone

Up where the air gets thin...  
You cut the kite strings  
I've seen my name in lights, I've seen my face in papers  
But my civilian life, I spent ten good years waiting  
Waiting for you

You charmed the snake  
You picked the card  
You bent the spoon  
A curved plane, the shapes change

Euclid's made to play the fool, but  
I don't know what that stuff does to you  
And I don't know if it's real, but  
I spent a decade in love with you  
And I just can't tell if you're here, cause

The man I knew  
I don't think that he can hear me now  
So dizzy with the altitude  
It's just too far  
Who am I to tell you to come down?

Lucky that my palate still prefers a legal poison  
Who am I to tell you to come down?  
Sit back and raise a glass, a glass to easy choices  
Who am I, yeah, who am I, yeah who am I  
To tell you to come down?

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Last night you came to kiss me in a dream and when I woke  
What kind of foolishness is this  
Breathed out a lungful of your smoke

I've seen you at your brightest  
What a mind, let it burn  
Who am I to pull you down to Earth?

Yeah, who am I to tell you to come down?