

## Someone Took the Words Away

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Poor head  
Can hardly move my lips for speaking  
I said  
So, what is this thing I cannot explain?  
I'd blame all the things I feel but can't quite place  
Perhaps they're written on my face  
Someone took the words away

Why don't you speak up and say what you mean?  
Summon my powers of conversation  
I talk to myself,  
I'm fine  
When you're around,  
Then I decline the invitation

It's strange to finally find myself so tongue-tied  
A change has come over me  
I'm powerless to express  
Every thing I know but cannot speak  
And if I try my voice will break  
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