

It's dawning on me, I see it now
The world you came into, not what I thought I found, and
I see it clearly, you came to me
With the clearest eyes, a voice that I could not believe
You said it slowly, you said it true
You asked me why she was there in the light with you
And she can't do that, it's not her place
You echoed back to me what you had learnt to say

I could find it, plain to see
Why would I expect that it could ever be, and
Did I fail you and did I fall
I hoped that we could find a place where we were all alone and
I could explain it, it's not like that
You know your mother, all that was asked
And now you're with me, my only son
My only daughter, the only ones

I read you stories late at night
Of what he did and how he conquered all the light
He was so smart, and he was strong
He had all the answers, and he was never wrong
He was the enemy, he was the star, and
He was a friend, and he was in charge, and
He was the good looking, the head of the pack
And where was she?

She was nowhere, she was lost
She was hiding, she was not
She was pretty, she was the prize
She was the glory, she was inside
And she was beauty, she was a child
And she wore dresses, her eyes were wide
Her hair was glory, the trains were long
And she was always

On the outside looking in
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Couldn't be back where I came
Couldn't be lost in the rain
Couldn't be wearing that again
Couldn't be where you should have been safe
Couldn't be walking back through parks and dark and late and all alone
Couldn't be where I was
Can you just call me when you're safe and home and
Don't you go there, don't you wait at night
Don't you trust and don't you wait
And don't you be alone when you're driving, and
Don't you, don't you, don't you, don't you, don't you, don't you know that
The world was not made for the girls but for the boys, and
I know it's wrong, though know it's not right
Your eyes can tell a thousand lies that I just cannot fight, and
Don't you, don't you, don't you, don't you, don't you, don't you know that
Don't you stay there
On the outside

On the outside