

Eileen

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Started out like it always starts
Try to hold the hunger back
You don't anticipate a broken heart
Can't see nothing but the track

A diamond earring in a Bowery bed
You kicked your shoes across the floor
You regret the things that went unsaid
Or have you heard it all before?

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But that's your way

It ended like it always ends
Somebody crying on the phone
You tell each other you can still be friends
You both know you're on your own

My own behavior was a shock to me
I never thought I'd have the nerve
I hope you're sleeping through the night, Eileen
I hope they're grading on the curve

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Somebody broke my heart once
And I was useless for a week
I didn't leave my apartment
I didn't eat, I didn't speak
But then I found the letter she wrote
Against the wall behind the bed
It said, "Forever is a dead man's joke"
And that's the only thing it said

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