

# I Hate This Town

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Horrifying as it was for me  
To see your face today,  
I guess I knew that it would happen at some point.  
And I dreaded it because I knew  
That you would be so kind.  
You're good at that; you've got it right down to a science.

So you observe the strict rules laid out in the books of etiquette  
And tell me you hope I enjoy my stay.  
And I feel numb, and I can't believe  
That I was stupid enough to leave my bed today.  
If I'm so smart, then why is this happening?

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You cannot even leave your fucking house  
Without running into someone who no longer cares about you--  
Somebody whom you desperately want to see,  
But you know it's only going to cause more grief  
'Cause there is nothing left to say,  
And he can't hear you anyway.

It's so confusing 'cause I really want  
To hate you, but my intellect reminds me  
That that doesn't make no sense.  
And I wanted to be your friend,  
But I couldn't pull it off in the end.  
And I'm disappointed with myself because I thought I could.

But then again you always made it clear  
That you do not care either way--  
Which begs the question,  
"How can I still claim to love you?"  
You told me time and time again  
That you don't lose--you always win--  
And that to make an effort would just be beneath you.

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Now, I'm packing my bags again,  
And you are not inside of them.