

You Don't Have To

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Remember walking hand in hand side by side?
We walked the dogs and took long strolls to the park--
Except we never had dogs
And never went to the park.

Remember how we used to fuck all night long?
Neither do I because I always passed out.
I needed lots of the booze
To handle the pain.

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Remember when the tenderness stopped,
And the kindness turned to pity and disgust,
And the smiles were stopped
Before they could start,

And understanding was now just a tool
(We used it every chance we got to be cruel),
And we cringed because
We couldn't make ourselves stop?

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There are days when I think about you,
And on those days I really feel like a fool
Because you don't deserve
To have somebody think about you.

I feel so stupid 'cause I let myself down.
I acted like a motherfucking clown
At a circus
On the outskirts of town.

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Because you think you're so fucking cool.