

Don't You Ever

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You came into my life
Like the changing of the season
And suddenly the sky was a well
You leaned in and whispered
And I saw the future between us
But I tried to stop ringing that bell
Long enough to stay focussed
On the stone you placed into my palms
The raw treasure
When I felt your body and my body rise up together
It all slipped into legend
My eyes said forever
But you said:

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Don't you ever need me

Years passed
Fears pressed weird shapes into blurred glass
Words last days but the days don't last
And our tongues are too burnt to taste
So we cruise
Smooth as a high-heeled shoe on an old car bonnet
The urge to merge was huge
I don't know when it became, I just want what you want
But I closed my eyes, subdued and I went deep
Deep into endless sleep
My limbs yours and your limbs stuck
I'd always promised I'd keep my own compass
It felt good to give up

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So be free as you want you to be
Free from the magnet, the dragnet
The dull need that stagnates
Free as I never could be
You're still curled up with me like, 'what?'
This does not cancel all that out
Trust
Looking for shining examples, I'm finding them harmful
And nothing like us
I'm trying to lift us both up
With my arms full of all of our stuff
Like will you jump every time push comes to shove?
You say love me, don't need me
I say I want that too but
It feels like you don't need me enough

Why

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