

# Firesmoke

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My visionary is a vision  
I watch her dancing by the window  
And it rips my flesh to ribbons  
And the whole world is just ripples  
In the middle distance  
I listen to her hips  
I push my kisses to her lips  
We move like we were born to move  
The night is teeth and pistons  
And there is something in this tenderness that makes me want to live  
Firesmoke

Her mouth sets free this captive  
Come close to me  
Free me  
Let me untangle the madness that knots you  
I drop to my knees and crawl across you  
I tell you I've got you  
It's firesmoke

So go on, give me three days of your body and mine  
Time is a blind eye and I see your mind in my mind's eye  
You make me immortal  
You take me to space  
You are a planet  
A place I've not known  
Your body is home to rare gods  
I kneel at their temple  
I'm blown to bits, gentle, ferocious  
We are open  
Explosives have nothing compared to these sparks  
So let's fall apart  
And then lie with me, breathing in the den of the dark  
It's firesmoke

Your mouth sets free this captive  
Come close to me  
Free me  
Untangle the madness that knots me  
You drop to your knees, you crawl across me  
You lick your lips softly  
It's firesmoke

The fire rises between us  
And makes us get on the wrong trains  
Walk the wrong way  
Makes strangers smile greetings on Lewisham way  
I bathe in this fire  
It warms without burning  
Compels without force  
And it turns without turning the world  
So, please, you keep your purpose  
Your poise and your journey  
I'll be by the fire  
Thinking, nothing I've learned can prepare me  
For everything else that needs learning  
Is this how it feels to feel certain?

'Cause for so many years my love's been a burden  
But now comes this fire to cleanse and restore us  
To fuel us and calm us and push us both forwards, forwards