

# I Saw Light

Kae Tempest

Beginning with an ending in mind, I took a minute  
Saw too much. Ahead of my time  
Came away laughing, blushed  
Carton crushed  
Everything was unfastened. Rush  
In the stifling air of a thin little moment  
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Can't keep my focus  
My skin's your skin  
Vivid as a memory fading by the minute  
Screaming your name like I was afraid you'd be in it  
You're truth to me. Clutching at straws. Don't know you  
Never even met you

Pause

I put my pen down and started to drift  
I stopped living  
Stared at the grass at the edge of the cliff  
I saw women  
Heart is a yellowing brick  
Dead set on a wish that can never exist  
A transition

I want to be is but I'm isn't

Ambition kicks me awake and says, dress  
I was looking for the door  
All I found was your flesh, your flesh, your blessed dismembered hands are s  
and  
I'm stranded

I want to be thrown against the wall  
By a tall cold dickhead  
With a morse-code accent  
That I can't look at  
Without starting something I'll regret

Everything's beautiful  
I digress

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Tapped out a few laughs on the summer's grass  
And in all the sky's many merry blues  
I read one thousand words  
Of pretty good news

And now heliotropes around your light gather  
And they chatter and chatter and they chatter  
Make insipid remarks about things that matter  
'Till they don't anymore  
'Till they don't weigh a crumb  
Until the caring in you is surely done  
Until dead is every one of us floating about  
Between good bookie odds and 2 for 1 on stout  
So live it all out  
In lust of a stage  
Where you were busy trying to trap the heart on the page  
Having scenes arranged into your bones  
And happily arranging yourself to be alone  
Believing happiness to be a train that just doesn't stop for you  
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