

# Override

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Pins and needles in the heart of my heart  
And a typewritten lowercase e. at the crook of my arm  
Heavy lifting and I'm stuck with myself  
But it's purely elective engagement with everyone else  
Detach your shadow  
Go Fish! Your tarot  
Fling your unnameable fate at a crease in the wall  
Trace your timeline to the moment you flinched  
And gently suggest that you don't let it happen again

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Queasy listening to the pace of your breath  
Counting the credible pathways to peace that I've left  
Sea of eggshell and your blood on my hands  
I'm wired to wait but I've waited as long as I can  
Kick the tires  
Pile the pyre  
Float your unfaceable fate at the edge of the earth  
Pin your timeline to the safest you've felt  
And then strongly insist you won't settle for anything else

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