

## Triple Dog Dare

**Lucy Dacus**

I'm not tired yet  
We still got a lot to figure out  
Like what was the end of the movie about, anyways?  
You're yawning on your couch  
I wonder if I overstayed my welcome  
Until you asked me if I'd like to take a walk  
We're going to the five and dime  
The only open place at this time of night  
You're dancing in the aisle 'cause the radio  
Is singing you a song you know  
And the kid at the counter is gawking at your grace  
I can tell what he's thinking by the look on his face  
It's not his fault, I'm sure I look the same  
It's what you do but it's not you I blame

Your mama read my palm  
She wouldn't tell me what it was she saw  
But after that, you weren't allowed to spend the night  
I'm staring at my hands  
Red, ruddy skin, I don't understand  
How did they betray me? What did I do?  
I never touched you how I wanted to  
What can I say to your mom to let you come outside?  
You know I'll be seeking if you run and hide  
If the door were to open, would you walk through the frame?  
If you're too afraid, it won't be you I blame

You passed a note in class  
Told me to meet you at the overpass  
Your lip was trembling when you said that we are cursed  
You're trying not to cry  
When you tell me you're afraid that we may die  
I said "So what? Everybody's scared of that"  
I want you to tell me that you miss me  
Want you to hold and hurt and kiss me  
I wanna run away and live on your family's boat  
It's a triple dog dare, you're a chicken if you don't  
I can fish for our food and you know how to start a flame  
If you don't get out now you'll only have yourself to blame

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They put our faces on the milk jugs  
Missing children 'til they gave up  
Your mama was right, and through the grief  
Can't fight the feeling of relief  
Nothing worse could happen now  
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