

## Why Must A Building Burn?

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Do you need a flag  
To know who you are?  
Did you get intentionally left behind?  
There's a curve in the road  
That I intimately know  
And, you know, I got caught on that curve before

Why must a building burn  
Before a lesson is learned?

An unoriginal thought  
I've often fallen short  
If I could bottle the tonic of your laughter I would  
A girl running at night  
Clutching a rectangle of light  
Still fills her lungs with the dust of a life

Why must a building burn  
Before the powerful learn?

I saw a picture (I saw a picture)  
Beamed right through me (Beamed right through me)  
I was stunned to recognise your smiling face  
A family photo (A family photo)  
One of many (One of many)  
I was stunned to recognise your smiling face

I was hoping for a message to tell me you were here  
I was waiting for a message to tell me you were here  
I was hoping for a message to tell me you were here

I saw a picture (I saw a picture)  
On my telly (On my telly)  
I was stunned to recognise your smiling face  
It was you  
It was you  
It was you all along