

Laurel and Hardy

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I thought you were joking when you asked for that kiss
I never expected it would end up like this
My bulletproof baby, identical twins
Laurel and Hardy, pineapple and gin

I made you a prison inside of my heart
I fed you confessions between the bars
The keys to my kingdom for an hour of yours
The moon to my ocean, the tide to my shore

If you had been listening, maybe you would have heard
The sound of my heart, like a panicking bird
That beats at the window and bloodies its wings
My favorite poison, my honeybee sting

I took up the mantle of unshakable faith
On the road to Damascus I fell to my face
A volunteer martyr burned for your sake
I was a beggar, your love was small change

Now there are no conditions, no treaty to sign
No terms of surrender, no changing our minds
The last time I saw you, you were turning away
And I lost my ambition to beg you to stay

Every old song told me "true love makes you blind"
But I wasn't listening as I gouged out my eyes
And stumbling in darkness I reached for your hand
But you slipped through my fingers like hourglass sand

My favorite poison, my honeybee sting
My unanswered question