

# Missing

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[Winter]

til you call  
the redhead guy is warm enough  
through the snowfall  
he's funny and he's tough  
weren't we all?  
suntanned rough and tumble  
i'll stay up  
i won't sleep  
til you call.

[Spring]

til you call  
the days stay light too white too long  
til nightfall  
the leaves are lightly green  
it is spring  
shall my heart go dancing?  
shall i sing?  
i won't sleep  
til you call

[Summer]

til you call  
the summer rain and summer sun  
will install

our beach baby who's grown  
strong and tall  
freckled smart on her own  
i'll stay up  
i won't sleep  
til you call

[Autumn]

til you call  
the days get short and leaves  
begin to color  
early evening twilight  
barely blue  
this winter without you  
i will read  
i won't sleep  
til you call

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