

Witch

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Going along our usual path
My love and I on an ordinary day
Suddenly before me I see a person turn
I begin to pray

She stares me in the eye so bold
She sees him. Then she makes her pitch
I feel the air become bone cold
In the light of other ages is the witch

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Striking him down not only once but twice?
Life divides into two sides
Before and after with a terrible price

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Into the brain? A cranial surprise
Struck down, his stuttering frown
She's hitting him twice as he tries again to rise

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Of blunt and shocked despair?
You mute the man
Because you can
Leaving everybody all stunned and standing there

She points the wand
Cuts the bond
Suddenly speech is a show of absurdity
Hand-to-hand
He's fighting to stand
We're living in a state of a permanent emergency

Some attention paid

A doctor

It's there now

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Emergency

You are so close to all the action

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