## **Smoke and Ashes**

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I'd heard rumors and I'd heard talk About the trail you'd left of broken hearts About the sea of tears too wide to cross But a little bad press has never scared me off So I burned a path to figure out How to get me some of what you got

I've got a red hot heart If the talk is true your's is the same And we should be together And let our passions fan love's flame

When I looked for you I almost passed you by You were so cool and calm I thought my friends had lied But I thought so much reserve must make you wild inside It was there and then that I knew I had to get some of what you got

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I thought I'd won your heart when I held you hand in mine I thought it was true love the way we complemented each other But my right is your wrong And when you're right then I'm left with nothing Your light and your heat have all been spent Leaving only smoke and ashes Only smoke and ashes baby

I've got a red hot heart And your heart's as blue as the blood in your veins I say there's fire down below You say it's only smoke and ashes baby

I'm crying all the time Salty stinging tears And mourning for the past carbon-dated years But knowing now for certain that you were always right Because if a breeze could blow you out of my life It's only smoke and ashes baby Only smoke and ashes baby

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I was blinded by devotion My unwavering love for you So blinded that I thought all your lies were true But now I know for certain since you've gone away It was just a smoldering fire I mistook for a blaze Only smoke and ashes baby I've got a red hot heart And your heart's as blue as the blood in your veins I say there's fire down below You say it's only smoke and ashes baby Only smoke and ashes baby, baby ...