

## Arab Strap "New Birds"

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You just have to be sure you're doing the right thing  
I mean it's very easy to forget  
She's just sitting there in the pub with her new friends  
And her new life and her new hair  
And it's been five years but you'd know just to look at  
her

I wasn't even sure it were her at first  
I was ready to walk away but she smiled  
And called me over and we said hello for a bit  
When we back to our tables

We were trying not to look over at each other  
And told our friends to stop staring  
I didn't see her for the rest of the night  
But by closing time the beer's kicked in

So I go up and speak to her  
And we end up talking about our new homes  
Our new jobs and our new birds

She says she's been going out with him now  
For about two and a half years  
But they don't live together so he'd never find out  
And you think about chasing her about school

When you were wee and lying in your bed  
And listening to love songs  
And pretending they were about you  
And the first time you asked her out

She said no but one night you went to a wedding  
And when you came back to the pub  
She's changed her mind and you went out  
You remember the way she swung her arms

When she held your hand  
But you can't remember how she kissed  
And now you've got the chance to find out

But you have to remember there's this other kiss  
She's at home, wondering where you are and what

you're doing  
And you work hard on this kiss and you know it inside  
out  
It's as much yours as it is hers

And it took a long time to get right  
It took months of practice  
And months of embarrassment but now you've got it  
perfected  
And you've been looking forward to that kiss all week

You can see her breath in the air  
Between your faces as you stand in the leaves  
And she just asks you straight out  
If you want to come and stay at her flat

But you make sure you get separate taxis  
And you go home and there might be a slight regret  
And you might wonder what you missed  
But you have to remember the kiss you worked so hard  
on  
And you'll know you've done the right thing

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