

Barenaked Ladies "Running Out Of Ink"

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I stopped into a club
I thought I'd see a show
Everyone was there
At least everyone I know

Their knickers in a knot
Their hands up on the heart
The best I'd ever seen
The greatest book of art
I wish that it was me

It's bleaker than you think
I'm running out of ink
Give a guy a break
This is what it takes
To drive a man to drink

A party at a friend's
Toronto's coolest scene
I thought I'd bring a tape
To show them where I'd been

And listen for a while
The lyrics made them smile
They said that it was fine
Although it's not the style
I said it wasn't me

Once upon a time
I couldn't get enough
Until I made it big
And that's when it got rough

Disappointed now
Perhaps a bit surprised
To look them in the face
And see it in their eyes
They wish it wasn't me

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I used to hold you close
You used to tell me things
You never told a soul
But then you heard me sing

The details of your life
Condensed into a song
The neighbor and his wife
Work out and sing along
And you can't look at me

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Could song be an alibi?
A lyric replacement for falling in love
But now that the well is dry
I can't understand
What I've been singing of

Do you know
What it is to love?
To really love?
To really love?
Really love, do I?

I cycled by your house
I saw you on the lawn
I see you all the time
And now that you are gone

I tried to call your name
But something made me stop
I call you once a day
Until you call the cops
And told them it was me

I filled a plastic bag
With everything I wrote
And threw it off a bridge
I thought that it would float

The water made it sink
The bag is bleeding ink
I wish that I could swim

I wish that I could drink
I wish that it was me

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