

Ben Gibbard

"Carolina"

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Every scream went bleeding through these paper walls
And all the make-up in the world couldn't hide the scars
I leave today, I'm packing light: a suitcase, some
toiletries
The rolling hills and willow trees of Carolina wait for me

You never learned, the rules have changed since we
were nine
This isn't school, boys don't assault the girls they like
The taste of blood, the claim of love; these two will
here on cease to be
Sprouting from your fists and tongue 'cause Carolina
waits for me

Fields of grain go whipping by from the window seat
I'm drifting in, I'm drifting out catching up on sleep
I couldn't get indentured since the very crest of 17
I left my keys and broken dreams 'cause Carolina waits
for me

I will never forgive a single day
Mile markers seem to call my name and say,
"You're safer now through every town, we'll light your
way in reflective
Green" All the way, the entire state of Carolina waits for
me

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