

## Abbey Lincoln

### "Returning The Favor"

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I thought, oh I thought at least I caught a glancing blow  
I longed, oh I longed for signs of wounds along my  
torso

Am I merely just transparent? If I am it doesn't show  
Can I blame it on the placement of a misguided arrow?  
I could try to change position just to say that I tried  
To keep the scales of affection from shifting side to  
side

I thought, oh I thought at least I shot a glancing blow  
I longed to just provide a couple wounds  
Right back in your direction just to keep the highs and  
lows  
Returning you the favor as I always do

I've got to get to waking up soon, got to stabilize  
Is it really that apparent? Cause my face will hardly  
show  
Any signs of disappointment as you know, as you know

I've been throwing my weight around  
As I am shifting from left to right  
I'm just trying to balance out  
Finding the symmetry in my life  
I stand so firm and so stable now  
Compared to your shaky unequal sides  
Find myself willing and able now  
With my completely coherent mind

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