

## **10,000 Maniacs "Cherry Tree"**

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Over your shoulder, please don't mind me  
If my eyes have fallen onto your magazine  
Oh, I've been watching and wondering  
Why your face is changing with every line you read

For all those lines and circles to me a mystery  
Eve pulled down the apple and gave a taste to me  
If she could it would be wonderful  
But my pride is in the way  
I cannot read to save my life  
I'm so ashamed to say

I live in silence, afraid to speak  
Of my life of darkness because I cannot read

For all those lines and circles to me a mystery  
Eve pulled down the apple and gave a taste to me  
If she could it would be wonderful  
Then I wouldn't need someone else's eyes  
To see what's in front of me  
No one guiding me

It makes me humble to be so green  
At what every kid can do when he learns A to Z

For all those lines and circles just frighten me  
And I fear that I'll be trampled if you don't reach for  
me  
Before I run I'll have to take a fall  
And when I pick myself up so slowly  
I'll devour every one of those  
Books in the tower of knowledge

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