

10,000 Maniacs "Jezebel"

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To think of my task is chilling
To know I was carefully
Building the mask I was wearing
For two years, swearing I'd tear it off

I've sat in the dark explaining to myself
That I'm straining too hard for feelings
I ought to find easily
Called myself Jezebel, I don't believe

Before I say that the vows we made
Weigh like a stone in my heart
Family is family
Don't let this tear us apart

You lie there, an innocent baby
I feel like the thief
Who is raiding your home
Entering and breaking
And taking in every room

I know your feelings are tender
And that inside you the embers still glow
But I'm a shadow, I'm only a bed of blackened coal
Call myself Jezebel for wanting to leave

I'm not saying
I'm replacing love for some other word
To describe the sacred tie
That bound me to you

I'm just saying
We've mistaken one for thousands of words
And for that mistake
I've caused you such pain
That I damn that word

I've no more ways to hide
That I'm a desolate and empty
Hollow place inside

I'm not saying

I'm replacing love for some other word
And to describe the sacred tie
That bound me to you

I'm not saying
Love's a plaything no, it's a powerful word
Inspired by strong desire
To bind myself to you

How I wish that we never had tried
To be man and his wife?
To weave our lives into a
Blindfold over both our eyes

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