

# 10,000 Maniacs "Tension"

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Frail hinges pivot on  
A cases door, commemorative  
Souvenirs from places  
Containers change, each occasion

Cellophane encased  
Displaying paper certificate  
The credit years of service  
A tool of central enterprises

The early hope for permanence  
The words the rings, consistency  
And social security  
The miracles, high tragedy

A thought mistaken for a memory  
Dress lengths, assassinations  
Fractured family ties  
And christenings

Local posts they list your friends  
In order, disappearance  
Lawn scattered tins, feed birds  
The portion baked for absent guests

And the mass edition icon  
God sent comfort, your salvation  
But who grants absolution  
For sins that never were committed?

Tension makes a tangle of  
Each thought becomes inconvenience  
Sound doesn't ever penetrate  
As servile edges break and faint

A thought mistaken for a memory  
Clear the dust from smiles in boxes  
Cross a patterned wall  
Recall the voices

A thought mistaken for a memory  
Dress lengths, assassinations

Fractured family ties  
And christenings and christenings  
All fractured family ties  
And christenings

And christenings

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