

Ellis Paul

"The Art Of Distance"

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You get the call on the message machine.
It's 2 am—it better be important.
Her power's out, it's a sleep-walk 'cross town.
Rain's coming down, she's got candlelight and
blankets.
Is this an act between friends?
One step forward, two steps back again.

If you knew the art of distance,
Would you lay in your bed
Or take a cab across town?
You know it's raining right now.
You crave her skin, well,
You crave it's resistance.
When you wake up in the morning

And she's asking for time,
You give in.
She's the queen of light and candles.
You give in, you always were a sucker
For a scandal.

You ring her bell,
She buzzes you in.
Brush off the rain,
You give her the umbrella
When she comes to you,
Wrapped in her sheets.
Is she beautiful?
How you gonna tell her?
When the touch begins,
You cradle her face.
Is this the betrayal of a friend?

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