Bright Eyes "Padraic my Prince"

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I had a brother once
He drowned in a bathtub
Before he had ever learned
How to talk
And I don't know what his name was
But my mother does I heard her say it once

"Padriac, my prince, I have all but died
From the sheer weight of my shame
You cried but no one came
And the water filled your tiny lungs
Appear, my dear and cry for me
It's six years ago today
That I laid you in your grave
Your sweet young skin was shining then too"

So tonight to celebrate
I will, I will poison myself
Another coughing, shaking fit
In a bathroom that is spinning

And I close the door
And I rest my head on the tile floor
Sickness and sleep turning me cold
And I am still not sure
Is there some better place
I could be heading towards
Where the selfishly sick and self absorbed
Are welcome?

I saw the future once
I was drunk in a phone booth
My eyes were wet and red
But I could not tell what was said
And through the screams of the traffic
Voices carried saying, "I am sorry"

On a day so gray, it's black inside Watching churches on TV In a coma you don't dream You just hope that someone sits with you Babies turn blue when they're ignored Like the sky on summer days Before you turn and walk away It has changed you

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