

## Bright Eyes

### "The Calender Hung Itself"

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Does he kiss your eyelids in the morning when you start  
to raise your head?  
And does he sing to you incessantly from the space  
between your bed and wall?  
Does he walk around all day at school with his feet  
inside your shoes?  
Looking down every few steps to pretend he walks with  
you.

Oh does he know that place below your neck that is  
your favorite to be touched,  
and does he cry through broken sentences that I love  
you far too much?  
Does he lay awake listening to your breath?  
Worried you smoke too many cigarettes.

Is he coughing now, on a bathroom floor?  
For every speck of tile there's a thousand more,  
you won't ever see.  
but you must hold inside yourself eternally.

Well I drug your ghost across the country and we  
plotted out my death.  
In every city, memories would whisper, Here is where  
you rest.  
I was determined in Chicago but I dug my teeth into my  
knees,  
and I settled for a telephone and sang into your  
machine.  
You are my sunshine, my only sunshine.  
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And I kissed a girl with a broken jaw that her father  
gave to her.  
She had eyes bright enough to burn me. They  
reminded me of yours.  
And In a story told she was a little girl in a red-rouge,  
sun-bruised field  
and there were rows of ripe tomatoes where a secret  
was concealed.

And it rose like thunder, clapped under our hands.  
And it stretched for centuries to a diary entry's end  
where I wrote,  
You make me happy  
oh when skies are gray.  
You make me happy oh when skies are gray, and gray,  
and gray.

Well the clock's heart it hangs inside its open chest  
with its hands stretched towards the calendar hanging  
itself  
but I will not weep for those dying days.  
For all the ones who've left there's a few that stayed.  
And they found me here and pulled me from the grass  
where I was laid.

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