

## Jay Brannan "Ever After Happily"

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The smell of a candle  
freshly blown out  
the light of the clock  
shines on my skin  
like a sickly green moonlight  
on a pale white day's decay  
I try to wipe you from my memory  
but your face won't fade away

another boy kissed me today  
I laughed in his mouth  
it's not funny that I'm not kissing you  
I'm not laughing because we fell through  
it's the stories they told us when we were younger  
about life and love  
how our happiness lies in the hands of another  
who'd fly in on the wings of a dove

[Chorus]

well that's the way the fairy tale goes  
boy meets girl and they wed with roses  
but that's not the way it seems to be  
and I'm pissed that they lied to me  
cuz boy meets boy and boy runs away  
or girl meets girl and she's afraid to stay  
we end up home alone watching court tv  
not living ever after happily  
you're right  
you are prince charming  
onto the next princess when he's bored with the last  
he's the hero of every story  
he's got his chapter in every girl's book  
he walks away with all the honor and glory  
but I wonder what else he took

goodbye, prince charming  
and drown sleeping beauty  
shove Cinderella's slipper where the sun don't shine  
toss the little mermaid back out to sea  
cuz the fairy godmother had to perform another  
abortion today  
and the seven dwarves live in the forest, of course, cuz

they were driven away  
but this part of the story could spark a cultural rage  
so at the sound of the tone we just turn the page

[Chorus]

starting today  
we'll tell the story my way  
the king of imperfection  
takes back the prince of mistakes

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