

**Jonathan Coulton****"Madelaine"**

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If it doesn't kill you it'll make you stronger  
But if it kills you you'll be dead  
Use fluorescent bulbs, they'll probably last longer  
But the buzzing sound might hurt your head  
There's two ways of looking at your problem  
Right or wrong, win or lose  
Stand around and you'll never get the job done  
All you have to do is choose

Madelaine, stay with me  
Madelaine, leave me be  
Madelaine, just tell me what you're gonna do  
Madelaine, stay for more  
Madelaine, use the door  
Madelaine, I'm gonna leave it up to you

You could buy a dog to keep away the bad guys  
But you'd have to walk him every day  
You could open up a Chicken Kitchen franchise  
Piss off the ASPCA  
Either way, you better make your mind up  
What is what, which is which  
'Cause on the mound, they're ready with the windup  
And you can't miss another pitch

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So many tasties on your plate  
What is a hungry girl to do?  
Already it may be too late  
I'm sick of cooking for you

You could tell me that it's getting past your bedtime  
And that you have to say good night  
You could tell me that you've had way too much red  
wine

You would probably be right  
Either way, you better wash those glasses  
You've got friends coming by  
And besides, you're sick of making passes  
Truth be told, so am I

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