

Kathleen Edwards

"Oh, Canada"

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Oh Canada

I stand on guard for a lot
But just last week a white girl was shot
Outside a shopping mall
Yeah, it's written in the press
That your sweet little town
Has lost its innocence

It's not the year of the gun
We don't say it out loud
There are no headlines
When a black girl dies
It's not the lack of a sense
It's called ambivalence

And out in their lanes
Under rush hour lights
There's one head to a car
But you act so surprised
When the snow don't come
You can't swim in the lakes

Now it's hotter than hell
In a bed you won't make

It's not the lack of a sense
It's called ambivalence

And up on the hill
Is the best real estate
Baby just to get in
You've got to sell off your faith
'Cause in the valley below
There is crack and young girls
You don't have to believe
What stays out of your world

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