

## Loudon Wainwright Iii

### "OGM"

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The OGM on our machine  
Began with we're not here now  
But you went and changed the "we" to "no one"  
Do you mean us or me?  
Your new outgoing voice  
Sounds bright and brave and very clear now  
In those seconds you recorded it  
I guess that you felt free

I started out my message  
With a pause that I aborted  
When I addressed you oddly  
By your given Christian name  
Then I told you who was calling you  
That felt downright sordid  
But if I sounded sad and timid  
I achieved my aim

There's a machine where I'm staying  
That displays a big fat zero  
But last night I arrived  
To find a scary bright red one  
So I pressed play and pretty soon  
I could feel all my fear go  
The few silent seconds that you'd left me  
Are erased and gone now

Tonight at last we finally spoke  
You sounded rather giddy  
You said you'd had a few drinks  
And you'd been playing with the cat  
When I told you that I missed you  
Your reply to me was really  
Then you said you might have found  
Someone to share the flat

I said I'd call in a few days  
You know I'll keep my promise  
Yes I miss you, is it over?  
I don't really know  
As for any messages

I'll try to keep them honest  
And when I hear that no one's there now  
I'll just scream..."hello"

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