

## Mary Black

### "He Thinks He'll Keep Her"

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She makes his coffee, she makes his bed  
She does the laundry, she keeps him fed  
When she was twenty-one she wore her mother's lace  
She said "forever" with a smile upon her face  
She does the car-pool, she PTAs  
Doctors and dentists, she drives all day  
When she was twenty-nine she delivered number three  
And every Christmas card showed a perfect family  
Everything runs right on time, years of practice and  
design  
Spit and polish till it shines. He thinks he'll keep her  
Everything is so benign, safest place you'll ever find  
God forbid you change your mind. He thinks he'll keep  
her  
She packs his suitcase, she sits and waits  
With no expression upon her face  
When she was thirty-six she met him at their door  
She said I'm sorry, I don't love you anymore  
Everything runs right on time, years of practice and  
design  
Spit and polish till it shines. He thinks he'll keep her  
Everything is so benign, safest place you'll ever find  
God forbid you change your mind. He thinks he'll keep  
her  
For fifteen years she had a job and not one raise in pay  
Now she's in the typing pool at minimum wage  
Everything runs right on time, years of practice and  
design  
Spit and polish till it shines. He thinks he'll keep her  
Everything is so benign, safest place you'll ever find  
At least until you change your mind. He thinks he'll  
keep her

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