

## **Matt Nathanson**

### **"First Time"**

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I'm ready to embrace this, I'm ready for repair  
I've got so many layers left by amateur painters who  
covered  
over what was there  
I stuffed myself sick on your memory and the beautiful  
mess  
we'd made  
But I'm so tired of being inspired only when things slip  
away  
They told me time would strip it all free and leave me  
bone  
dry  
They told me time would strip it all free but I'm no  
better than  
when I left here the first time  
I'm ready to erase this, I'm ready to begin  
Spent myself trying to change all the beauty we d  
made just  
  
to want it all back again  
And with the clouds moving in, this hardly looks like the  
same  
moon  
And with the leaves all gone the trees that once stood  
strong  
now look pinched and cruel

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