Matthew Ryan "Irrelevant"

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There's only one light on in the house And that's the light up in the hall And it's shining on the back of my head

And I'm concentrating hard On the cigarette, to the ashtray From the ashtray back to my lips

So I lean up from my easy chair
I rub my three day beard
And give that thousand yard stare
As I recall all the time and the money we spent
Before I became irrelevant

So the straw dog threw rock salt And the precious girl took a bow and walked As I ran my finger over the screen door

Yeah, every kiss has reeked of betrayal Since my heroine jumped the guardrail And decided who she wanted to be once more

Now, every night I'm paralyzed By the fear of rope burns and morning light And the smell of wet cement Since I became irrelevant

Now, memory's just a flash flood A thick and black sticky mud And heartache it's like a breaking bone

It was always twelve hours on a missionary line You think I would've spared some time But I didn't, I never went home

Now, it occurs to me like blinds undrawn Or a bullet from a shotgun That she knew long ago, oh, what it meant To feel irrelevant

Now, I'm always smilin', cryin' And hidin' my intent

Since I became irrelevant

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