

Mavis Staples

"Red Brush Strokes Wave Goodbye"

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Colors do not lie...red brush strokes wave goodbye.
I've looked into your eyes for the last time.

Close those tainted eyes. The view is so amazing with
them shut tight.

Seeing your history die, awashed in white.
Your heart no longer beats inside this chest of mine
And I've never felt more alive

Goodbye to you and all that we've been through
Hello, beautiful peace realized of knowing I'm no
longer you.

And though you beckon, these red strokes still remain.
Reminding my heart that I am not the same.

Close those misleading eyes...All the lies you try to
disguise.
You offered so many things...so many things you said
you could do...
The thing that you couldn't offer was the thing that
killed you -
And it screams - it's the truth.

Goodbye to you and to all that we've been through
They're so beautiful...the painted skies I fly in,
freely, without you

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