

## **South Beautiful**

### **"Alone"**

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Like the contents of your handbag  
You don't know why it's there  
People ask you where you're heading  
You just answer "anywhere"  
We don't mean to be this vague  
It just happens that we are  
No-one asked us to elaborate  
We just shrug our shoulders and be  
And like the stories that just happened  
No-one thought of, no-one planned  
We could have ruled, we could have conquered  
Then we could have been a man  
We could be ex-husband  
We could be ex-wife  
But no-one looks at the menu in a greasy spoon life  
Alone, alone  
Half an hour is seven hours  
One day is several months  
Alone, alone  
A month is a calendar  
A year can be a decade spent

Alone

He knows "hello" in eighteen languages

"I love you" in only one

By the time he's got his phrase-book

The chance is usually gone

And we feel ourselves quite prepared

But quite prepared for what

We always took the lead

Before we actually knew the plot

And you can tell where we've been shopping

By the bags beneath our eyes

Make-up shoulders burden

But the smile never lies

We could be ex-husband

We could be ex-wife

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So empty at the airport

You don't set off the doors

We used to feel like chorus girl  
And now we feel like whores  
Hearts built like reservoirs  
Words built like dams  
Thoughts built like juggernauts  
Our actions built like prams  
And when the wind blows into our face  
We should be warmer and not colder  
Well, what price the charges  
On this cargo that we shoulder  
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We could be ex-wife  
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Alone  
And we only smoke when bored  
So we do two packs a day  
And we've lost the difference

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