

## The Airborne Toxic Event

### "Duet"

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I've been away for far too long  
I've had my mind wrapped around this one song  
But last week on the radio while  
Driving near that place we used to go  
Where the track homes all look the same  
With the roofs and the tiles and the similar frames  
All these streets are so wide and these cars are so  
lame  
And on every block I heard the whisper of your name  
I spent so many evenings in my head  
I'd lie alone on an unmade bed  
Counting the minutes like numbered clocks  
Should I call, should I write, should I read, should I  
stop?  
I'm a child, I'm a ghost, I'm a slur, I'm a boast  
I'm a prince, I'm a king, I'm a rhyme, I'm a ring  
I'm unable to sleep, I'm unable to sing  
I'm a desperate and lonely, frightened, unholy thing  
And you'd say la la la I'm so glad I'm over you  
As you reach for your drink and you tell me you like my  
shoes  
And I smile like a wretch, there's not much else I can do  
I say I know what you mean, yeah it's weird for me too  
Besides what would I sing about if I had you?  
Kinda sounds like la la la...

La la la...  
I think maybe it was Radiohead  
That had this weird little beat and a keyboard instead  
guitar playing chords, I remember how bored  
You would get with those bands  
You always said they play the same three chords  
And you'd dance around in your t-shirt and sing  
Don't you love Modest Mouse and adore Promise Ring?  
Don't you wish that you could just avoid everything?  
Join a band, go on tour, and think of me when you sing?  
And I'd think la la la yeah that sounds okay to me  
And you'd fall on the bed and I'd fall down to my knees  
And I'd smile like my life depended on it  
That's so weird I was mostly right about that  
Always eager to love and eager to leave

La la la la la la la la la la la la...  
And I'd think la la la all these songs are so untrue  
As I stare at this face I love you  
And we don't belong and it sounds so wrong  
And you're beautiful with that gray scarf on  
I think yeah okay but maybe it's just the song  
And I miss you but it might just be the song

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