

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 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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