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"The People That You Never Get To Love"

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You're browsing through a second hand bookstore
And you see her in non-fiction V through Y
She looks up from World War Two
And then you catch her catching you catching her eye.
And you quickly turn away your wishful stare
And take a sudden interest in your shoes
If you only had the courage, but you don't
She turns and leaves and you both lose.

And you think about
The people that you never get to love.
It's not as if you even have the chance.
So many worth a second life
But rarely do you get a second glance
Until fate cuts in on your dance.

And you'll see her on a train that you've just missed.
At a bus stop where your bus will never stop.
Or in a passing Buick when you've been pulled over by
a traffic cop.
Or you'll share an elevator, just you two
And you'll rise in solemn silence to your floor.
Like the fool you are you get off
And she leaves your life behind a closing door.

And you think about
The people that you never get to love
The poem you intended to begin
The saddest words that anyone has ever said
Are "Lord what might have been"
But noone said you get to win.

Still you're never gonna miss what you don't know
And you don't know who you'll meet at half past three
It could be a total stranger who looks something just
exactly much like me.

One of the people that you never get to love
One of the people that you never get to love
The people that you nver get to love.

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