

## **The National**

### **"A Reasonable Man"**

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I don't mind losing a girl to herself  
A quiet love is better than none  
And I don't mind losing a friend to a friend  
If only to be a reasonable man

And I don't mind waiting if it's for the best  
A careful heart is better than none  
I don't mind painting my back with the past  
Pictures in resolute pain  
Smoothing the laugh o'er the lane

But if it happens to you  
The same kind of deal  
I recommend fire  
Instead of the fool

I don't mind shaking your hand at the door  
If only to be a resolute man (Pictures in resolute pain)  
If only to be a resolute man  
If only to be a resolute man

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