Nick Cave & The Bad Seed "Gates to the Garden"

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Past the ivy-covered windows of the angel Down Athenaeum Lane to the cathedral Through the churchyard I wandered Sat for a spell there and I pondered My back to the gates, my back to the gates My back to the gates of the garden

Fugitive fathers, sickly infants, decent mothers Runaways and suicidal lovers Assorted boxes of ordinary bones Of aborted plans and sudden shattered hopes In unlucky rows, in unhappy rows In unlucky rows, up to the gates of the garden

Won't you meet me at the gates?
Won't you meet me at the gates?
Won't you meet me at the gates to the garden?

Beneath the creeping shadow of the tower
The bell from St. Edmunds informs me of the hour
I turn to find you waiting there for me
In sunlight and I see the way that you breathe
All alive and the leaning, alive and the leaning
All alive and the leaning, leaning on the gates to the
garden

Leave these ancient places to the angels
Let the saints attend to the keeping of their cathedral
And leave the dead beneath the ground so cold
For God is in this hand that I hold
As we open up the gates, as we open up the gates
We open up the gates to the garden

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