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"The Next Ten Minutes"

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JAMIE:

No, that one's Jerry Seinfeld.
That one's John Lennon, there.
No, the Dakota;
The San Remo is up a few blocks.
Have you been inside the Museum?
We should go.
Meet the dinosaurs.

Cathy...

Will you share your life with me
For the next ten minutes?
For the next ten minutes
We can handle that
We could watch the waves
We could watch the sky
Or just sit and wait
As the time ticks by
And if we make it till then
Can I ask you again
For another ten?

And if you in turn agree
To the next ten minutes
And the next ten minutes
Till the morning comes
Then just holding you
Might compel me to
Ask you for more
There are so many lives I want to share with you
I will never be complete until I do

CATHERINE/CATHY

I'm not always on time
Please don't expect that from me
I will be late
But if you can just wait
I will make it eventually

Not like it's in my control
Not like I'm proud of the fact

But anything other than being exactly on time
I can do

I don't know why people run
I don't know why things fall through
I don't know how anybody survives in this life
Without someone like you
I could protect and preserve
I could say no and goodbye
But why, Jamie, why?

I want to be your wife
I want to bear your child
I want to die
Knowing I
Had a long, full life in your arms
That I can do
Forever, with you

JAMIE
Will you share your life with me

CATHY
Forever

JAMIE
For the next ten lifetimes?

CATHY
Forever, Jamie

JAMIE
For a million summers

BOTH
Till the world explodes
Till there's no one left
Who has ever known us apart

JAMIE
There are so many dreams
I need to see here with you...

CATHY
There are so many years
I need to be with you...

JAMIE
I will never be complete

CATHY

I will never be alive

JAMIE

I will never change the world
Until I do

CATHY

I do

JAMIE

I do

CATHY

I do

BOTH

I do...

CATHY

Is that one John Lennon?
That's the San Remo.
Isn't that the Museum?
Can we go see the dinosaurs?

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