

Casiotone for the Painfully Alone

"I Love Creedence"

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I'm Creedence Clearwater Wright
best friend of Elodie Eye
we've been tight since Percy Elementary
class of 1985
we moved together out to Philly after college
took a two bedroom at South and 9th
I sold my violin so we could have it easy
El got her grandmother's money when she died

we laughed like we were queens
and split our ballgowns at the seams
and every single time I'd dream
it was only El and me
but then she slipped away from me
she met a boy from New Jersey
and they fell fast in love of course
I swear it felt like a divorce

this September I'll be 26 years old
and El's the only one besides my dad
who's ever said I love you Creedence

took got a job downtown
it's an hour on the bus each way
typing letters for a lawyer in a bad toupee
it's dumb I know but it pays okay

and did I mention I moved out
I got my own place off of South
and I've been living hand to mouth
for going on a year by now
and yes I still see El around
it's different but I can't say how
she cut her hair it's back to brown
she's living with her boyfriend now

and since September I've been 26 years old
she's still the only one besides my dad
who's ever said I love you Creedence

