

## **James Vincent McMorrow**

### **"This Old Dark Machine"**

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#### verse 1

spring it came upon us,  
every insect filled the air  
dropped their wings upon my brother,  
cast their shadows on his hair

if we follow where they're leading,  
we will surely come before  
some unseen and wondrous magic  
made of visions to explore  
chorus

near the town where we were living  
was an old abandoned farm  
every year we'd plant an orchid  
in the shelter of it's arm  
to protect us from the madness  
of the future still to come  
it will be like this forever  
I will keep you safe from harm  
verse 2

then they caught us in the summer  
dressed in fathers finest clothes  
you the hat he wore to market  
I the jacket filled with holes

I've been searchins all these hours  
for a hand as pale as bone  
that would keep the strongest sunlight  
and reflect the brightest stone  
chorus 2

near the town where we were living  
was a warm and fragrant smell  
of the orchid we had planted  
now a forest tall and well  
what a statue to our greatness  
what a story all will tell  
they'll remember us forever  
they'll remember where we fell  
bridge

this old dark machine, it shakes and it shudders

pulls to the left, then dies near the gutter  
but still in the road, the traffic is silent  
the people they stare, and then they turn violent  
if they should touch, the hem of your dress  
I would rise like a lion, strike out again  
the faithful they wait, the faithful they wait  
by the sign

chorus 3

near the town where we were living  
came a loud and joyous sound  
as the earth and all her beauty  
picked us up from off the ground  
carried far across the mountain  
to a kingdom never bound  
we will live like this forever  
I will love you  
I will love you  
I will love you

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