

## **Nathaniel Rateliff**

### **"When We Could"**

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If you call our names  
We'll come arise and ready and primed  
Such a sturdy face  
You can tell we're aging by the lines  
Keep on saying how  
That's sort of fine and strange, although  
Even if the wind has ceased to blow  
We won't run and we won't cry  
Look how we stand forever more, when we could  
Staying up and laughing all night, when we could  
Keep on smiling till it's bright, when we could  
When we could  
You sure called it right  
You said I'd wither and not grow back  
It's not a fine way to go  
I think we left there with our pride  
I hate to call out hands  
But pardon my way of being slow  
Cover me up and let me go  
And make it as thick and as dark as the night  
And we could laugh forever more, when we could  
Tear it up like the dogs at night, when we could  
And we could fight and bury it all, when we could  
When we could  
When we could...

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