

Patti Smith

"Don't Say Nothing"

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Lower the thing, skin the cat
Skin it left, just layin' there
Lower the thing, is left like that
And you set, set it, said it, said nothin'

Went to the party, very discouraged
I watched the litter, pile like a wall
I looked at the river, just couldn't forgive it
Was, it was ladened with all kinds of shit

Still I admit that I didn't say nothing
I turned my back, walked away
Got to face the fact, that I didn't say nothing

Everyone was dancing, I stood over in the corner
This band, aah, they were sayin' this and sayin' that an'
Putting this one down an' but nothin' was delivered
Nothin', nothin' good was comin', I just saw, I just stood there

I couldn't believe it but I couldn't say nothin'
I walked the floor, then I looked away
Got to, got to face the fact, that I didn't say nothing

How long, how long will we make do?
Maybe it's time to break on through

Gonna, gonna, gonna straighten up
Gonna, gonna get well, I'm gonna do something
I'll give it back, gonna face the fact
Gonna, gonna give it back, an' I'm gonna do something

Won't hold my tongue, won't hold the thought
Won't hold the card, well, I'm gonna do something
Oh my brain I got to complain
Well, you can complain, but I'm gonna do something

How long, how long, will we make do?
Maybe it's time to break on through

Out in the desert, oh I saw, saw that ol' cat skinned
I saw it floating in the river

I saw an' no one seemed to mind
They sat there, they sat there watching the sun

I saw it float away, then I watched the buildings
crumble
Like dust in the hand an' we watched the sun
Spread its wings an' fly away
And in the mountains, a cry echoes

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