

Carrie Elkin

"The Things We're Afraid Of"

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Feet clenched up tight under the covers
The jaws clenched up just right
My minds just busy to busier
And all this snoring keeps me up at night
And I can't say, I'll live on forever
There was a time when my chest got tight
But I'll be there in one way or the other
It's just another day's work

How will I fill up my time?
I used to fill up my night
But now I'm fighting with the stars
You said the stars wouldn't fight
And how will I love my wife?
Will I think of the words to say?
Will she think I'm a boring man?
Am I a boring man?

She lays next to me
Our feet all tangled up in bed
I don't hear quite so good
But I heard every word she said.
She said, "I'm no paragon of virtue,
I'm not writer in the sky
There were times I didn't see you.
There were times when all the time just went by.
But I tried to love you just the same.
I tried to love you twice as much.
When those ideas in your head
Took the place of your touch
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