

The Innocence Mission

"Black Sheep Wall"

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this is how I love you
I wish for a shade I can pull
I feel so afraid of watching you grow up
this love hurts too much
and I try to build a wall
so I don't have to see you fall
and I pray
go away from my thoughts!
why do you keep coming back
over black sheep wall?

oh, I'd love to hold you close
but I play it cool
and keep my thoughts in a jar
marked "dangerous"
and everyone says, "never fear -
all the boys his age experiment with their lives,"
but all my eyes want to close you out
I'll close you out
why do you keep coming back
over black sheep wall?

brother black sheep, love is strong
there's a shepherd out in every storm
and he's not afraid of a little rain
why am I?
why do I keep building up
this black sheep wall?
oh, I love you so
do you really want to know how much?
how deep?

black sheep, this is how I love you:
with closed eyes
with turned back
with distance
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