

## **The Roches**

### **"Nocturne"**

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You ask me why  
We cannot make love  
I have been ransacking you  
For the answer

Side by side we lay  
Not touching  
Listening to rain falling  
In the darkness

Where desire writhed  
There stands a stone  
The change was sudden and complete

A serious question  
We have turned out to ask  
We have sought each other secretly  
Strong has been the urge

To lie naked facing fear

Quietly and quickly  
Our sentences blaze trails upon the night  
We are mates on a doubtful voyage

Speaking sanely now  
Allotting no lovers advantage

My room is anxious to expel him  
He hurries to be free of my feelings

We wear our words  
Until he finally dresses  
Looking for his shoes  
He is a shadow in my doorway

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