

## Shearwater

### "My Good Deed"

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I tried to save a girl I truly loved  
And didn't quite know how to help her  
So now she's sleeping as her parents up above  
Cry over things that they can't tell her

And when I did my good deed  
I thought I'd feel unbroken gladness  
But standing in the street alone  
I just felt sinking sadness

Girl, your dad will not us bless  
So hang up your veil and dress  
Look at me and take one guess  
Where this best-intentioned love will lead us

I once felt a feeling fully through  
Though I knew I shouldn't feel it  
Because to act on it I'd be a person  
Who should be slapped into a straitjacket

So every time it comes around  
I just let it die inside me  
You said, "I only come around  
Because I just need you to hide me"

So we knelt in those dead weeds  
Sticks and sharp rocks cutting into our knees  
And I thought that we would freeze  
But there was just too much warm blood in our bodies

I'm not going to make you take the pills  
Though you should really think about it  
The fire by which we both were almost killed  
Glowed so beautiful "don't doubt it

But we have to make a choice now  
Can we glow without it?  
There's a space I tried to fill  
But I'm seeing now I never will  
You fly around while I stand still  
Until I slowly just get smaller and smaller

I tried to save a girl I truly loved  
And I never would desert her  
But we both found out that I was dreaming  
Of the day I thoroughly could hurt her

And I saw myself inside her eyes  
This shrinking would-be savior  
Resented her for never needing him  
And couldn't wait just to betray her

So we drove back to her place  
From the temporary home that we had made  
And I stepped back into the street  
Feeling the fullest moment of my life  
Slowly shrink away from me  
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