

Small Fred "The Distance"

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We pass through these rooms without speaking

Where the light throws a pattern of lace

You say you don't know if you are leaving

But there's no shadow of doubt upon your face

And you tell me there is no other

And I know you well enough to know it's true

And well enough to know you need a lover

Who can give what I never gave to you.

You can say that you were lonely

When I lay right by your side

You can say you saw the distance

When I looked you in the eye

And you can say I never reached you

No matter how many times I tried

But don't say I didn't love you

Cause that's a god damn lie

I emptied the drawer filled with letters

And I bowed my head and cried

No one ever loved me better

There was love in every line

But there were times I didn't hold you

When all you needed was a touch

And there were times when I said nothing

When one word would have been enough

And it seems sometimes like I lost my hand to a machine

In an accident a long time ago

It grabbed at my fingers and tore them off clean

Still I wait for these fingers to grow

And if I had fingers I'd touch your cheek

With a gesture so gentle and fine

I would braid your hair with baby's breath

I would take your hand in mine

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I hear your voice in the morning

Singing softly to yourself

I know you imaging the loving

That awaits you with somebody else

And maybe I will find another

Who will take me in spite of these scars

And each of us yet may discover

How innocent we are

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You can say you saw the distance

When I looked you in the eye

And you can say I never reached you

No matter how many times I tried

But don't say I didn't love you

Cause that's a god damn lie

I know you won't say I didn't love you

Cause you know it would be a lie

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