

Stornoway

"You Take Me As I Am"

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I was nervous in the morning, in a car, a backseat
driver's
With a handful of the stories from the chapters we were
starting
Every time I crossed the border where the water flows
in cascades

You were coming with your sister from your mother's in
the valley
Where the calls of rooks and ravens are the only thing
you hear
As you imagine yourself living with no phone or
electricity

We were headed to the outpost where our friends had
all assembled
To receive us in our glory, where the trees lean for their
safety
From the edge of the world, and the birds revolved
around us
As the sea swallowed our vows

And after we were married we went to our white stone
cottage
And you took your simple dress off, and your tears fell
in my eyes
As we were overcome with wonder at the love around
us

You take me as I am and you turn me into someone
Who could step right off this rock and fly out across the
ocean
Cos if I were to die today, then it wasn't all a waste

You take me as I am, for all my faults and problems
And you build me to withstand every gust and every
gale
And if I knew I was going to die, well I'd be satisfied
Cos we've shared this moment

On the first night of our future we left the house in

convoy

As aurora in the corner started sweeping up the stars
And we were talking all in whispers for no reason we
could think of at all

As we clambered through the bracken on our way up to
the outcrop
Where the wind shakes the gorse and the coast looks
like a jigsaw piece
The sun rose up around us, all neon pink and purple
and gold

And way down below the clifftop, the sea broke on the
shoreline
Without hearing itself roar, and without knowing we
were here
Cos it was only doing what it was supposed to, as

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And you build me to withstand every gust and every
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And if I knew that I was going to die,
Well I'd be satisfied
Oh, because we've shared this moment

Once you were a stranger, but I struggle to remember
Now I picture us as children many years before I met
you
On the first day of my life, when the day broke like an
empty page

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