

## Streetlight Manifesto "If And When We Rise Again"

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don't you come to me with all your color-coded quotes  
everybody's laughing but they never ever get my jokes  
fool, you're a fool, a sheep  
and it's obvious to everyone but company you keep  
and don't you squint at me because your childhood  
was the pits  
every single one of us have trodden through our shit  
oh, and i know you're shrewd  
because i smell it on your clothes  
it's in everything you do

falling, fallen, we all fall down  
it only really matters how we stand our ground  
and if and when we rise to our feet again  
we'll be on our own

everything we built  
(it's gone)  
and every one around  
(is stunned)  
we just sit here staring blankly

and everything goes numb  
lord, if i felt a thing  
i could wrap my mind around this  
and prevent our getting singed  
please excuse my enemies  
i think they do not know  
i will gladly self destruct if they leave me alone  
friend, that's the end of us  
because you're behind in empathy and overdue on  
trust

calmly, calmly and patiently  
we've seen all the evidence  
but still cannot believe  
and if and when we rise to our feet again  
we'll be on our own

somehow, someday, we perservere  
the questions on our lips fall on deafened ears  
and if and when we rise to our feet again

we'll be on our own

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