

## Sufjan Stevens "Romulus"

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Once when our mother called  
She had a voice of last year's cough  
We passed around the phone  
Sharing a word about Oregon

When my turn came  
I was ashamed  
When my turn came  
I was ashamed

Once when we moved away  
She came to Romulus for a day  
Her Chevrolet broke down  
We prayed it never be fixed or be found

We touched her hair  
We touched her hair  
We touched her hair  
We touched her hair

When she had her last child  
Once when she had some boyfriend, some wild  
She moved away quite far  
Our Grandpa bought us a new VCR

We watched it all night  
We grew up in spite of it  
We watched it all night  
We grew up in spite of it

We saw her once last fall  
Our Grampa died in a hospital gown  
She didn't seem to care  
She smoked in her room and colored her hair

I was ashamed  
I was ashamed of her  
I was ashamed  
I was ashamed of her  
I was ashamed of her

