

## Kathryn Calder

### "For The Empire"

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My aren't we tenacious?  
Or are we just quite envious infectious  
Such as my illuminating pride.  
Breaking down this moment the self proclaimed well  
Everlasting cure constructed to combat my disease.

So we wrote some new affairs  
And spent some cash to cover you up  
So well before I become your lie again.  
We breaking hard for summer these stitches  
Held by our indifference here we are marching away  
For the last time darling.

What am I to do now I said just what am I to do now I  
said.  
On the receiving end of static meant to shut you down.  
We've been campaigning your politics  
I read them like holy scriptures to the privileged and  
the proud.  
I've accepted loss, accepted guilt just for you to shut  
me out.  
And play out like we're well rehearsed.  
Parade around me like some drunken sailors without  
their captain,  
It's been so long since I have drank.

Empires shake and fall from lack of understanding.  
I'll be the martyr for your cause a fashion that is fire.  
What I do is not some attempt to become holy.  
I built this from my body. This is for you.

And she said, "You better make that money!"

Bled some sounds off record I've created something  
perfect  
That the world will sing it, and sing it loud:

"Praise to the empire tonight, until we bring it down!"

