

Gaslight Anthem, The "Orphans"

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Goodbye, circus wheel, may you rest along the seas
Well I have given you the fire of my youth
And the triumph of my enemies
And goodbye, fairweather home and your faithless
factories

I have given you the blood and the truth
From the wounds that they laid on me
And whatever they left, I kept it for my own heart

And the lonesome understand with the choirs in my
head
And we were orphans before we were ever the sons of
regret, my baby
And on and on and on, how the alphabet boys carry on
And we were orphans before we were ever the sons in
the songs

And now my lights, they never go down
They waltz the moon and the stars for me now
So you can find some local libertine,
to take your daughters out on the town

And I can feel it in my aging bones
How the sound of the rain mixes up
Into the fountains where I drank my heroes' blood
Adns o I left you to find my very own hat full of rain

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And now I'm trying to keep it straight,
learning all the streets and the alleyways
And learning where they lead now that I'm left here
alone to drive
But it's so hard to stand on your own

Against mirrored glass hot and cold
But the clothes I wore just don't fit my soul anymore
No, the clothes I wore just don't fit my soul anymore

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your songs

And when we were young, we were diamond Sinatras
Like something I saw in a dream
We kept our secrets in rooms, locked up tight like a
tomb
Where the ballerinas lay

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