

The Gaslight Anthem "Orphans"

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Goodbye, circus wheel, maybe you rest along the seas
I have given you the fire of my youth and the triumph of
my enemies

And goodbye, fair weather 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

We were orphans before we were ever the sons of
regret, my baby

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 hero's blood
And so I left you to find my very own hat full of rain

And the lonesome understand with the choirs in my
head

That we were orphans before we were ever the sons of
regret, my baby

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 I'm trying to keep it straight, learning all the
streets and the alleyways

And learning where they lead now that I'm left alone
here 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

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

When we were young we were diamond Sinatras
Like something I saw in a dream
We kept our secrets and rules locked up tight like a
tomb
Where the ballerinas lay

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