

Emmy the Great & Tim Wheeler "Gabriel"

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Gabriel this is the last
chapter of our correspondence
i hope that after time goes past
you can remember me with fondness

and think as i am thinking now
of all the pages that have seen us
laid out an ending in between us
and we can walk them like the ground

i know my fate i do not mean to fight
but you tread softly on the ground tonight
tread softly on the words you used to write

oh Gabriel i see you there
that day i met you in the orchard
and i was younger then i wore my hair
in bows across my forehead

soon they will twist it at the shoulder
and fix the clasp against my neck
and i do not think you would know her
if you could see what they reflect

I've seen my future in an evening dress
all wrapped in tapestry and fur i guess
remember me the way you knew me best

oh Gabriel i have kept
everything you sent me
everything you put to paper but
it's better to forget
than fill your head with memories
think that you will thank me later

oh Gabriel i wish that i
could pick you up and fold you like a ribbon
I'd keep you always and in secret
in the pockets of my clothes

but this is how i live my life

with all the parts that i was given
this is the heart that i was given
and what you're given can be sold

i see my future in an evening dress
and i've been walking to her step to step
remember the way you knew me best

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