

Mountain Goats, The

"You Or Your Memory"

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I checked into a bargain priced room on la sienaga,
gazed out through the curtains of the parking lot.
walked down to the corner store just before nightfall in
my bare feet.

black tarry asphalt, soft and hot.
and when I came back I spread out my supplies.
on the counter by the sink,
I looked myself right in the eyes

st. joseph's baby aspirin,
bartles and james,
and you or your memory.

I ducked behind the drapes when I saw the moon begin
to rise,
gathered in my loose ends switched off the light.
and down there in the dark I can see the real truth
about me.

as clear as day, lord if I make it through tonight
then I will mend my ways and walk the straight path to
the end of my days.

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