

# You Never Asked Me

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I don't believe in love like that anyway  
I would have told you that if you'd have asked me  
The kind that comes along once and saves everything  
Between a woman and a man  
But I'd have died trying anyway  
I might have told you that if you'd have asked me  
I'd have died trying - tried everything  
Until the day refused to return  
I should have seen it from one hundred miles away  
I should have beaten the odds of it any day  
But I never could keep all the wolves at bay  
Howling and growling  
It was an exercise in catastrophe  
It was a dance of destruction  
It was the daze of futility  
It was the flight of fragile wings  
Ambulance drivers and gravediggers  
Mislaid fortunes grown bigger and bigger  
Polar ice caps below and above  
Conquered and claimed and ruined for love  
As we glide along all the bends of time  
Falling for little tricks of the mind  
With memories of Eden now so far behind  
And the taste of melting snow  
I don't believe in love like that anyway  
The kind that comes along once and just saves the day  
I think of it more like the rocks the waves chip away  
As they become the sand  
And I'd have told you that if you'd asked me  
We might have saved ourselves the disappointment  
I might have told you that if you'd ever asked me  
And the day did not return

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