

The Only Thing

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The only thing that keeps me from driving this car
Half-light, jack knife into the canyon at night
Signs and wonders: Perseus aligned with the skull
Slain Medusa, Pegasus alight from us all
Do I care if I survive this?
Bury the dead where they're found
In a veil of great surprises:
I wonder did you love me at all?

The only thing that keeps me from cutting my arm
Cross hatch, warm bath, Holiday Inn after dark
Signs and wonders: water stain writing the wall
Daniel's message, blood of the moon on us all
Do I care if I despise this?
Nothing else matters, I know
In a veil of great disguises:
How do I live with your ghost?
Should I tear my eyes out now?
Everything I see returns to you somehow
Should I tear my heart out now?
Everything I feel returns to you somehow
I want to save you from your sorrow
The only reason why I continue at all
Faith in reason, I wasted my life playing dumb
Signs and wonders: sea lion caves in the dark
Blind faith, God's grace, nothing else left to impart
Do I care if I survive this?
Bury the dead where they're found
In a veil of great surprises,
hold to my head till I drown
Should I tear my eyes out now,
before I see too much?
Should I tear my arms out now?
I want to feel your touch
Should I tear my eyes out now?
Everything I see returns to you somehow
Should I tear my heart out now?
Everything I feel returns to you somehow

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