

After Dark

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Writing a letter to you like you're a foreign pen pal
Talking to you like I've never not known you
Smiling at you with my heart nailed shut
Time-induced-healing has not been enough

I swear you'd always need me
I swear you'd always see me
As the same blood that runs through your veins

Don't come looking for me after dark
I cannot bear to see your footsteps leading nowhere
Roots of the ancient tree have changed
I can't make out your face and what you're saying sounds the same

Hanging photo examples of golden moments
Your memory left in pages I wrote things down
Fizzy telephone calls generous to silence
Empty spaces and forgotten traces of you

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You're not dead to me because you'll never be
You're as close to gone as distance will allow
Though that might seem fine, you're gone all the time

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I cannot bear to see your footsteps leading nowhere
Roots of the family tree are gone
It seems so wrong but I can't force someone to change

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