

Silent All These Years

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Excuse me, but can I be you for a while? My dog won't bite, if you sit real still.
I got the anti-Christ in the kitchen yellin' at me again, yeah I can hear that.
Been saved again by the garbage truck.
I got something to say, you know, but nothing comes.
Yes I know what you think of me: you never shut-up, yeah I can hear that.

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So you found a girl who thinks really deep thoughts,
what's so amazing about really deep thoughts?
Boy, you best pray that I bleed real soon. How's that thought for you?
My scream got lost in a paper cup.
You think there's a heaven where some screams have gone.
I got 25 bucks and a cracker, do you think it's enough to get us there?

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Years go by, will I still be waiting for somebody else to understand?
Years go by, if I'm stripped of my beauty and the orange clouds raining in head,
Years go by, will I choke on my tears 'till finally there is nothing left,
One more casualty, you know we're too easy, easy, easy.

Well I love the way we communicate. Your eyes focus on my funny lip shape.
Let's hear what you think of me now. But baby don't look up, the sky is falling
Your mother shows up in a nasty dress. It's your turn now to stand where I stand
Everybody lookin' at you, here, take hold of my hand, yeah I can hear them.

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