

CURTAIN SPEECH

AROUND THE LION LEGS

Once more, once more, once more, once
more
You ask me why all these years
all these years I held everything from you

Why now, why now, why now, why now
You ask me why I tried to ruin everything
everything, everything...
oh my son, it's all for white noise

these things they cannot be taken back
I know I know
these things cannot be taken back
I know I know I know I know I know...

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ooo, ahhh, oooo

JUST ONCE

What did I say to send you a-rumblin' past
me
I was afraid I would lose you someday like I
lost me that day

and in all my dreams your face is hidden
from me
formless in some velvety shade
what were you hiding from, who were you
hiding from
I wanted to know

and what is done, I can't leave it alone
I have to know I have to know I have to know
and just once, just once, just once, did you
love me once?

I've been ready...

what did I say? oh God, what did I say?
and what did you want what did you want
what did you want?
a life in the dark?
a life in the dark?

and what is done, I can't leave it alone
I didn't know, I didn't know
but just once, just once, just once, did you
love me once?
and just once, just once, just once did you
love me once?

I have been ready for so long, for so long
and I'm not allowed the pity
but did I ever once pretend, pretend,
pretend?
and Isaac's pyre hopping
and Abraham is calling "who's next? who's
next? who's next?"
and I'm fat and drowsy, I'm fat and drowsy....

I'll make you a bet, I'll make you bet
you knew it would wash away
in the crying and the gush
and the New England rain
but I'm not afraid. I'm not afraid.

and just once, just once, just once
I could love you once
and just just once, just once, just once
I could love you once....

HOARSE SORROWS AND THE WHOLE BLIND EARTH

ABRAHAM'S SONG (FIREBIRD)

Metal roof
metal blood
hide the boots
hide the mud
in the car
in her yard
in the blanket
in the barn
if I could hold you in my arms
quiet boy quiet boy
laughing dog
secret prayer
firebird firebird

I'm the water
I'm the prow
I'm the never
I'm the now
heavy hammer
heavy ghost
firebird
firebird
firebird
firebird
firebird
firebird