

# Perfect Way to Die

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Simple walk to the corner store  
Mamma never thought she would be getting a call from the coroner  
Said her son's been gunned down, been gunned down  
"Can you come now?"  
Tears in her eyes, "Can you calm down?"  
Please, ma'am, can you calm down?"

But it rained fire in the city that day  
They say  
A river of blood in the streets  
No love in the streets  
And then came silence in the city that day  
They say  
Just another one gone  
And they tell her, "Move on"  
And she's stuck there singing:

Baby, don't you close your eyes  
This could be our final time  
And you know I'm horrible at saying goodbye  
And I think of all you could've done  
At least you'll stay forever young  
I guess you've picked the perfect way to die  
Ooh, I guess you picked the perfect way to die

New job, new city, new her  
Bright eyes, you would've been proud if you knew her  
Flashing lights in the mirror, pull over, pull over  
A couple nights in detention then it's over  
Her whole life's over

They came marching in the city that day  
They say  
Carrying signs in the streets  
Crying eyes in the street  
But they heard nothing from the city that day  
They say  
Just another one gone  
And the city moves on  
We're stuck here singing:

Baby, don't you close your eyes  
'Cause this could be our final time  
And you know I'm horrible at saying goodbye  
And I think of all you could've done  
At least you'll stay forever young  
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Oh, I guess you picked the perfect way to die

Another dream lost  
Another king and queen lost  
Another broken promise they refuse to make right  
Oh, another night to live in fear  
Oh, another night that you're not here  
Another reason to get out there and fight  
But I say:

Baby, don't you close your eyes  
'Cause this could be our final time  
And you know I'm horrible at saying goodbye  
And I think of all you could've done  
At least you'll stay forever young  
I guess you've picked the perfect way to die  
Oh, I guess you picked the perfect way