

# Parentheses

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There's half a moment  
Between the drinks and the deck  
And I think you noticed  
But there's no time to check  
The shadows, the lights make  
Estranged and abstract  
And you make a joke  
Just to watch me react

And I could choke to death  
On the words that I don't say  
I could drown in the thoughts  
That I don't give away  
It's a trial, it's a told  
It's a tease, living in fantasies  
Is anybody noticing?

I stand in a shadow  
The party goes on  
I move to the light  
And your shadow's gone  
There's a breath I took  
That I'll never get back  
And there's a film in my head  
That's fading to black

And I could choke to death

On the words that I don't say  
I could drown in the thoughts  
That I don't give away  
It's a trial, it's a told  
It's a tease, living in fantasies  
Is anybody noticing?

There's half a moment  
When you're saying goodnight  
And you leave her shadow  
And appear in the light  
You make a joke  
That I don't understand  
'Cause I'm brought up short  
By the warmth of your hand

And I could choke to death  
On the words that I don't say  
I could drown in the thoughts  
That I don't give away  
It's a trial, it's a told  
It's a tease, living in the fantasies  
Living in the fantasies  
Is anybody noticing?