The End Has Begun

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We've been here before
You know the signs
The looks and the language
The gestures, the lines
I've felt these feelings
And I know how it's done
And I know that you know
The end has begun

It was great while it lasted
Now it's not even nice
Now's the time we should end it
Or we'll pay the price
It wouldn't be worth it
There is no long run
Let's cut our losses
The end has begun

We thought that we were so smart And that it couldn't end How did the end start? When did it begin?

In the beginning
There wasn't an end
When things weren't perfect
Then we would pretend
But that game is over
Nobody won
And we're worn out pretending
The end has begun

We'll probably keep going
There's a bit more in store
We'll probably keep trying
Who knows what for
But we've started to finish
It's just another one
An unhappy beginning
The end has begun

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