## I'm Not Listening

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I never was the girl to wonder and surprise You kicked open my world you pricked open my eyes I couldn't make a sound and when you finally yanked it out You took that scream and tied it 'round your pretty box to poison hands What I wanted wasn't really what I wanted How can you claim to know me when you have other things to occupy your time And this is all I think about

I'm not listening, I'm not listening I'm not listening I'm not listening anymore Tied my tongue off with a wire now my head is full of liars I'm not listening I'm not listening I'm not listening I'm not listening

Guess I was that girl you tripped her down the stairs You've kicked away her books she eats her lunch alone She suffers leers and jeers and stares And she knows she'll win you over once and over twice Or maybe not but that's alright If I'm a phoenix if I'm a demon or a sage or a fake Or if I'm gutless leave me alone and let me be this You've nearly killed me once

I'm not listening, I'm not listening I'm not listening I'm not listening anymore I'm immune now to your poison Unmoved by a plague of voices Where I'm going, you should know where I'm going You tied that blindfold 'round my head hung that sign on my back Spun me 'round spun me 'round and sent me out I'm still spinning I'm still spun I'm still shunned shunned I'm not listening...I'm not...listening

You're in my head you're at my door In my head