

Matilda

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It started slowly
First a finger then a thumb
Matilda started disappearing in front of everyone
No one noticed how translucent she become
As one by one it started softly
First a fumble then a kiss
In all his dreams he'd never seen perfection like this
No one noticed her hand tied as it is
As one by one the walkers left the park
And one by one the electric lights went dark
And one by one he buried her down in this hall
I've got nothing to fear
Somebody knows
That I'm hiding down here
If I wiggle my toes, they gonna come find me
If I wiggle my toes, I'm gonna get free
It started slowly
Like a joining up of dots
Dolly on a doorstep and an empty cardboard box
The choir yawning as the final penny drops
As one by one we called her name out loud
One by one we strained to hear a sound
And one by one our torch beam shown down in this hall
I've got nothing to fear
Somebody knows
That I'm hiding down here
If I wiggle my toes, they gonna come find me
Somebody knows that I'm under these stones
They gonna come find me