

John XXIII

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Inside a heart
Of freezing boys
Searching for the answer
In a shiny dime

Who beg for sleep
And piece of mind
Why must the aging page
Decide?

Me and John the 23rd have
Tasted these sour words and I
Just can't shake this belief that it's not a
Test of devotion or something you read

From the dawn of time
They taught her why
Not to ask those questions
And never cry

A plate of stars
Could never take the place of the
Boy who swore to catch me
As I run through the rye

I know it's been quite a long time since I
Sang a hymn without guilt in my eyes
And I know he truly wouldn't care
'Cause if you really tried, he'd save a place for you there

My weary heart
Is looking, restless
Not for a pardon
But just one promise

All the faith that one can deserve, it's
Enough to wonder why you punish your girls
Sure he's facing you now, and not the wall, but isn't that
Better than facing nothing at all?