

# Tongue Behind My Teeth

The Staves

I know where you're going  
And I see where you been  
Patience is a virtue  
And mine with you is wearing thin

It's easy to sit and wait

Speaking in words you've stolen  
From better men than you  
Doors they helped you open  
In time will cease to let you through

Is it easy to stand and sigh?  
Bid another friend goodbye?

Oh oh ooooh  
Oh oh ooooh  
Oh oh ooooh  
Oh oh ooooh

Lights can shine too bright, dear  
So nobody can see  
Hide safe behind your light, dear  
But understand it won't blind me

And I know it would do no good  
I'd hurt you if I could

Oh oh ooooh  
See my eyes  
Oh oh ooooh  
Open wide  
Oh oh ooooh  
Speak up now  
Oh oh ooooh  
Hold your peace forever and be done

Eyes down  
Door closed  
Keep quiet  
Growing old  
I know you  
I see you  
Cling to  
The road you ride on  
Homeless, more or less  
Skin and bone  
On your own  
I'll be alright  
I'm doing fine  
Keep my tongue behind my teeth  
And get gone  
You never were  
Anyone  
Keep your words, keep your mind  
I'll keep my tongue behind my teeth  
Tongue behind my teeth

And I know it would do no good  
But I'd hurt you if I could  
Oh oh ooooo