

The Pains of Being Pure At Heart "The Pains of Being Pure At Heart" lyrics

CONTENDER

LOOK WHAT YOU'VE DONE WHAT DO YOU HAVE NOW?
THINGS THAT NEVER COME,
IS IT TIME TO COME DOWN?

AT THE BACK OF A CROWDED SCENE
YOU SAW THE BOYS IN WHITE SING
"I'M A PRETENDER"
BUT YOU NEVER WERE A CONTENDER

I HEARD YOUR SAME OLD TUNE, SINGING CITY SINS
LIKE YOU WERE THE FIRST ONE
GAVE UP BOOKS FOR FILM, GAVE UP FILM FOR TIME
NOW THAT YOU'VE GOT NONE

COME SATURDAY

I CAN'T STAND TO SEE YOUR PICTURE
ON THE DRESSER WHERE I LEFT YOU
ANOTHER SUNNY DAY, AND YOU'RE
80 MILES AWAY, TUESDAY.

BUT COME SATURDAY, YOU'LL COME TO STAY
YOU'LL COME TO SWAY IN MY ARMS
WHO CARES IF THERE'S A PARTY SOMEWHERE
WE'RE GOING TO STAY IN

COME SATURDAY, YOU'LL COME TO SAY
MAYBE THERE'S NO HARM
IN A WASTED SUMMER, WITH NO DRUMMER
WE'RE GOING TO STAY IN

NOW I COULD STAND TO BE A FIXTURE
IN YOUR FADED FAMILY PICTURES
BUT I CAN'T SEE INTO THE SUNSET
ALL I KNOW IS THAT YOU'RE PERFECT RIGHT NOW

YOU DON'T HAVE TO WRITE AT ALL
YOU DON'T HAVE TO MAKE A CALL
I KNOW THAT YOU WILL COME
AGAIN AND AGAIN AND AGAIN

YOU DON'T HAVE TO DRESS TO PLEASE
PERHAPS UNDRRESS FOR ME
I KNOW THAT WHEN YOU COME WE'LL BE STAYING IN

YOUNG ADULT FRICTION

BETWEEN THE STACKS IN THE LIBRARY
NOT LIKE ANYONE STOPPED TO SEE
WE CAME THEY WENT, OUR BODIES SPENT
AMONG THE DUST AND THE MICROFICHE

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DARK WINTERS WEAR YOU DOWN
UP AGAIN TO SEE THE DAWN
IN YOUR WORN SWEATSHIRT
AND YOUR MOTHER'S OLD SKIRT
IT'S ENOUGH TO TURN MY STUDIES DOWN

NOW THAT YOU FEEL, YOU SAY IT'S NOT REAL

I NEVER THOUGHT I WOULD COME OF AGE
LET ALONE ON A MOLDY PAGE
YOU PUT YOUR BACK TO THE SPINES
AND YOU SAID IT WAS FINE
IF THERE'S NOTHING REALLY LEFT TO SAY

YOU'RE TAKING TOFFEE WITH YOUR VICODIN
SOMETHING SWEET TO FORGET ABOUT HIM

IF YOU GO YOUR OWN WAY I WILL GO MY OWN WAY
AND WE'LL NEVER SPEAK OF IT AGAIN

DON'T CHECK ME OUT!

THIS LOVE IS FUCKING RIGHT!

SWEET SISTER, CAN'T YOU FIND THE WORDS TO SAY?
YOUR MISTER, HE DON'T HURT YOU THE RIGHT WAY

IN A DARK ROOM I CAN SEE YOU SHINING BRIGHT
YOU DON'T HAVE TO TELL ME TWICE IT'S ALRIGHT
IN A DARK ROOM WE CAN DO JUST AS WE LIKE
YOU'RE MY SISTER, AND THIS LOVE IS FUCKING RIGHT!

CAN YOU GO HOME, LOOK YOUR BEST FRIEND IN THE EYE?
NO YOU CAN'T GO HOME AFTER WHERE YOU SLEPT LAST NIGHT

THE TENURE ITCH

HIS INDISCRETIONS, YOU DON'T MIND
HE SAYS YOUR THOUGHTS NEED FORM
BUT YOUR FORM'S NOT HARD TO FIND
THESE LATE NIGHT SESSIONS, HE'S MASTER STILL
JUST ONE MORE LESSON LEAVES YOU TWISTING TO HIS WILL

EVERY NIGHT HE COMES AND GOES AGAIN
IF IT ISN'T RIGHT, IT ISN'T HIM
HE MAKES CORRECTIONS, YOU SHUT THE BLINDS
YOU'RE TALKING LESS AND LESS,
BUT THE WORDS AREN'T HARD TO FIND
HIS LAST SUGGESTION, IT MAKES YOU ILL,
STILL ONE MORE LESSON LEAVES YOU TWISTING TO HIS WILL

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STAY ALIVE

COME ON DOWN, THE FURTHEST REACHES OF YOUR NOWHERE TOWN
THEY SUCK YOU IN, THE BLACK HOLE KIDS WON'T LET YOU FREE AGAIN

DON'T YOU TRY TO SHOOT UP THE SKY
TONIGHT WE'LL STAY ALIVE

WHEN IT'S GONE, YOU SIT AND STARE
UNTIL THE GOLDEN DAWN
CAN'T YOU SEE HIS ARMS ARE A HELL AND YOU WON'T EVER LEAVE?

EVERYTHING WITH YOU

START OFF "SOMETIMES..." NOW IT'S OUR TIME
ARE YOU WITH ME?
STRANGE TEENAGER, WAITING FOR DEATH AT 19
ARE YOU WITH ME?

I'M WITH YOU AND THERE'S NOTHING LEFT TO DO
TELL ME IT'S TRUE
...AND THE STARS ARE CRASHING THROUGH
I WANT EVERYTHING WITH YOU!

NOW YOUR SOMEONE SAYS YOU'RE NO ONE
STRANGE TEENAGER, YOU'LL NEVER KNOW
DEATH AT 19

A TEENAGER IN LOVE

NOW YOU GO UNSEEN, PERFECT YOU'LL STAY HIDDEN
AND I CAN DREAM OF THINGS YOU'LL NEVER SEE
ALLI PLEASE, IF YOU ARE BRAVER THAN THE REST,
THERE'S LITTLE LEFT THAT COULD DISPUTE YOUR CLAIM

AND WHEN YOU'D FINALLY GONE,
HE TELLS ME "SHE WAS DEAD ALL ALONG"
HE WAS WRONG, HE HADN'T LIVED A DAY
THE WAY YOU LIVED YOUR FINAL DAYS
A TEENAGER IN LOVE WITH CHRIST AND HEROIN

NOW YOU FEEL ASHAMED
BUT HE FEELS NOTHING OF THE KIND
HE TALKS OF THINGS HE WOULDN'T MIND TO TRY SOMETIME,

BUT YOU'VE GOT LITTLE LEFT TO GIVE
HIS TOUCH IS NOT A THING YOU'LL EVER MISS

AND IF YOU MADE A STAND,
I'D STAND WITH YOU 'TIL THE END
BUT YOU DON'T NEED A FRIEND WHEN YOU'RE
A TEENAGER IN LOVE WITH CHRIST AND HEROIN

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HEY PAUL

YOU SAY YOU'VE BEEN WAITING, WAITING FOR SOMEONE, WAITING FOR
SOME SONG, WAITING SINCE WHEN YOU WERE BORN FOR A MOMENT WHEN
EVERYTHING'S ALRIGHT, AND EVERYTHING'S ALL WHITE, BUT I JUST CAN'T
WAIT ANYMORE

HEY PAUL WHERE HAVE YOU GONE, I WANNA COME ALONG- WHAT WENT SO
WRONG?

HAVE YOU GONE AWAY OR BEEN LEFT BEHIND,
YOU KNOW THAT I DONT MIND, YOU KNOW THAT YOU'RE MY KIND, 'CUZ
WHEN I HEAR "CHURCHBELLS" OR WHEN I SEE FIREFLIES, YOU KNOW THAT I
DON'T LIE, ONE OF THESE DAYS YOU'LL BELONG

GENTLE SONS

IF YOU SHUT OUT THE SUN, THE DAY WILL NEVER COME
IF YOU TURN ON YOUR SIDE,
THIS NIGHT WON'T COME UNDONE

NOW YOU SAY YOU NEED A FRIEND,
BUT WE CAN'T LIVE AGAIN

MONDAY MORNING COMES TOO FAST,
YOU STUMBLE DOWN THE DIAMOND PATH
AND EVERY STEP WILL BE YOUR LAST
THE SUNKEN EYES YOU JUST CAN'T SEE
REMINDE ME HOW YOU'LL NEVER LEAVE
AND EVERY BREATH COULD BE YOUR LAST

NOW YOU STAND IN THE RAIN SAYING
"NOTHING HAS CHANGED AT ALL"
SAVE THE LINES IN YOUR EYES
THAT REMIND ME OF SUMMER'S FALL

OH NO, YOU SAY YOU NEED A FRIEND,
BUT WE CAN'T LIVE AGAIN