

Cigarettes & Saints

The Wonder Years

Twice a week I pass by the church that held your funeral
and the pastor's words come pouring down like rain.
How he called you a sinner but said now you walk with Jesus,
so the drugs that took your life aren't gonna cause you any pain. I don't think he even knew your
name.

I refused to kneel or pray. I won't remember you that way
but I lit you a candle in every cathedral across Europe.
I hope you know you're still my patron saint. I tried to forgive but I can't forget the cigar in his
fist.

I know that they were heartsick but I need someone to blame
and I know how they blame me. I know what you'd say.
You'd tell me it was your fault. I should put all my arrows away.
I'm sure there ain't a heaven,
but that don't mean I don't like to picture you there.
I bet you're bumming cigarettes off saints.
I'm sure you're still singing
but I'll bet that you're still just a bit out of key.
With that crooked smile pushing words across your teeth. You were heat lightning.
You were a storm that never rolled in.

You were the northern lights in a southern town, a caustic fleeting thing.
I'll bury your memories in the garden;
I'll watch them grow with the flowers in the spring.
I'll keep you with me.

These wolves in their suits and ties
saying "kid you can trust me."
Charming southern drawl, sunken eyes.
Buying good will in hotel lobbies.
They got fistfuls of pills to make sure you don't hurt no more.
You don't gotta feel anything.
Got their fangs in our veins.
Got their voice in our heads.
Got our arms in their grips.
No, we can't shake free.

This god damn machine; hungry and heartless.
My whole generation got lost in the margin.
We put our faith in you. You turned a profit.
Now we're drowning here under your waves.
Drowning held under your waves.
Drowning here. Drowning here.

You can't have my friends. You can't have my brothers.
You can't have my friends. You can't have my brothers.
You can't have my friends. You can't have my brothers.

You can't have me. No, you can't have me.

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