

Winter Solstice
mewithoutYou

[Verse 1]

Am **G**
Winter solstice, the earth open wide
Am
with a heart crushed like footsteps in snow
G
(((fictitious persons disclaimers implied
Am
to all listening from rooftops below)))
G
it had rained and the air was like perfume outside
C G6 Em
as the sky changed

[Verse 2]

Am **G**
we began when the ground was still dry
Am
planting vineyards where vineyards donâ€™t grow
G
shaping cypress with pitch on both sides
Am
for the nights when our trumpets wonâ€™t blow
G
that regret still there circling like vultures inside
C G6 Em
as your face changed?

[pre-chorus]

G
They donâ€™t stay inside.
(there but for Thy grace go I...)

[Chorus 1]

C **G6** **Am**
through the eyes of machines we viewed immaculate scenes
Em
that had already passed me by
C **G6** **Am**
all the stars on the ground, Noahâ€™s ark in the clouds
Em
set sail in the flood of my mind,
C **G6** **Am**
the other animals drowned in blasphemous towns

Em

and asked as they passed me by

C

G6

Am

Em

“was to do as I please a European disease?”

[Verse 3]

Am

G

Winter solstice, the earth had closed down

Am

So with breastplates of righteousness low

G

Searched for streams in the caves underground

Am

Where the Baptists and bootleggers go

G

And you smile but your vampire complexion still shows

C G6 Em

And your past shows

[pre-chorus]

G

It’s really all that shows

(so often unrecognizably so)

[Chorus 2]

C

G6

Am

Through the eyes of machines immaculate scenes

Em

That had already passed me by

C

G6

Am

All the stars on the ground, Noah’s ark in the clouds

Em

But the thought in the back of my mind:

C

G6

Am

“does my misery feed a metaphysical need

Em

That’s long since passed me by

C

G6

Neither reasoning why

Am

Em G

Nor offering reply?”

[Bridge]

Em G6

Em

G6

(Neither reasoning why

Em

G6

Em

Nor offering reply)

[Outro]

C

G6

Dear my newlywed wife

Am

Youâ€™re not the love of my life

Em

It had already passed me by---

C

G6

Finally grasping the line

Am

Casting pearls before swine?