

Where The Spirit Left Us  
Okkervil River

[Verse]

Through the wall in a soft spring rustle  
Street-side selling some summer hustle  
Across the Maple Street Bridge in a bristling fall  
Just whistling all s a balled up riddle  
Just a high snowball on a curve-and-fall  
Through a parking lot at Christmas  
I heard her whisper  
I heard him call  
Here s what the gist was:

[Chorus]

Only wary in our lives  
Open-eyed and half-ashamed  
That is to sa y  
Afloat on a ferry  
Freezing, tired, fully wired, a total waste  
That s where the spirit left us

[Verse]

Underneath the house just like a flameout teen  
Who smells like sweat and gasoline  
Kid, I stand with you  
And when you get hard and your eyes get mean  
Cause you re on the march

**A**

Well, I could almost kiss you

**Em**

Don't let them twist you

**Bm**

Here, have this song

**A**

You can take it with you

[Chorus]

**D F#m Bm**

Stay lonely, open wide

**A**

**G**

Your eyes all fire, your mind aflame

**D A G A**

Don't be disgraced

**D F#m Bm**

Loose of limb, unlionized

**A**

**G**

While all liars fade to gray

**A**

I know you feel detested

[Bridge]

**Em**

Did a silence drop? Did your Walkman stop?

**Bm**

Did the air turn cold? Was the message just so close?

**A**

But did you choke it?

**G**

Oh, kid, I know

**A**

I know where this is going

**A**

Because we always blow it

[Chorus]

**D F#m Bm**

Only wary in our lives

**A**

**G**

Open-eyed and half-ashamed

**D A G A**

It's just that way

**D F#m**

Afloat down that river

**Bm**

**A**

**G**

Freezing, tired, fully wired, a total waste

**A**

That's where the spirit left us

[Outro]

**D F#m Bm**

Only wary in our lives

**A G**

Your eyes all fire, your mind aflame

**D A G A**

Don't be dismayed

**D F#m Bm**

As this sobbing world goes screaming by

**A G**

I swear that if I had my way

**A**

You know I would have blessed it