

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, unlimbioned

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