

White Shadow Waltz  
Okkervil River

[Verse]

**G**  
Abandoned by all her admirers  
**Bm**  
Wild white shadow waltz  
**C**  
Stands alone on a stair down the hall  
**Am** **D**  
Just one slip from a trip and a fall.

[Verse]

**G**  
In a cold morning holding her lighter  
**Bm**  
One white shadow waltz  
**C**  
Stirs, sputters and stalls  
**Am** **D** **Bm**  
Wakes, wavers, and walks right through her prison walls.

[Bridge]

**Bm** **Bm F#**  
She says the doorbell is ringing  
**F#** **F# A**  
Go see who it is  
**A**  
Our little island s sinking into  
**Em**  
Mist.

[Verse]

**G**  
A day came, a night went, it lightened  
**Bm**  
An animal broke his way out  
**C**  
Moped through a scattering crowd  
**Am** **D**  
And crawled back to his circus shell.

[Verse]

**G**  
And circling the zoo s screaming clients  
**Bm**  
Was white shadow waltz  
**C**  
Deaf to their torn breaths and calls

**Am** **D** **G**  
Wait take a look closer hey he s hardly moving at all.

[Bridge]

**Bm** **Bm F#**

She says there s someone knocking

**F#** **F# A**

Go see who it is

**A**

Our world is shaking I guess

**Em**

Our little world is breaking in the

[Verse]

**G**

Presence of all our despisers

**Bm**

We ll falter and crawl into our bed

**C**

The world is a black shadow bled

**Am**

**D**

And what is this tune in my head?

[Outro]

**G**

She says it s just the white wind when it whimpers

**Bm**

And it s just the black rain when it squalls

**C**

It s just white meat whistling a waltz

**Am**

**D**

**G**

It s just nine hands wiping a white shadow off of the walls.