

# Red House Painters, Strawberry Hill

i can hear them  
speaking in the next room  
as they drink and start  
losing control and get louder  
they wonder about me  
i can hear her  
twirling the ice with her finger  
she's got that  
half dead look in her eyes by now  
she worries about me

he's not like the other boys  
around here  
he says nothing and sits in his  
room and he's afraid to  
and he's afraid to drive a car  
so sad he is

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as we're respected  
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as californians  
to show him new life

ever since my staying i've been  
having bad dreams  
so stop eating cabbage and stop  
talking to that girl  
what are the winters like here?

hush up and play the piano

but have i told you how i love her?  
yes but you're aquarius  
and she is capricorn  
come come now and meet  
your cousins from l.a.  
shut up and leave me alone

we know who you are  
i read your palm while you  
were sleeping  
and i read through your diary  
and the secrets you've been keeping  
we were already aware of  
and now for dinner and maybe  
tomorrow we'll have a drink  
and talk this over  
and in the meantime please  
think of the good things  
we've done for you

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