

# Alanis Morissette, Your Congratulations

I wouldn't have compromised so much  
so much of myself for fear of  
having you hating me  
I would've sung so loudly  
it would've cracked myself!  
I became self-conscious  
of anything exuberant  
I wouldn't have sold myself short  
I wouldn't have kept my eyes  
glued to the ground  
if I had've known my invisibility  
would not make a difference  
I would've run around screaming proudly  
at the top of my voice  
I wouldn't have said it was in fact luck  
i'm talking idealism here  
I would not have been so self deprecating  
I wouldn't have cowered  
for fear of having my eyes scratched out!  
I wouldn't have cut my comfort off  
I wouldn't have feigned needlessness  
I would not have discredited  
every one of their compliments  
it was your approval I wanted  
your congratulations