## Every Time I Die, Tusk And Temper

Bedeck your gown in bricks

There's leeches stealing across the stage

Come hell or ocean water I won't end up without

Applaud the gall of the black cloud groping a drunken teenage vow

As saline drips from her prom dress, damp hands are desiccated

There's a wolf at the window of the second floor who kidnaps your date with a new car

We both want the same thing

Bad poetry and assaults at the bar

Just try and stop me

We are the only one in the world

Prepare the ballroom

Quicksand in front of the coat check

Waltz with the scarecrow in the spotlight through the rye

I was born a wanted man

But I'll die a sailor's wife

God help me pick the lock to her room I have to make this right

Scream the hounds to sleep for me

I'm creeping around in your head like a vine

Your spit is the meat of the rose harvested by the dull

Let fly the doves, unhook their leather wings from the fog

Put your foot and mouth together for the sweethearts of Vietnam

In a photo taken of us, at the recpetion held at the jail

Loverboy is breaking up just off to the right side of me

I will stop at nothing

I am the siren that sings you home

Is that clear?

I will stop at nothing

I am the tooth in your jewelery box

Is that clear?

Let pry the crows

Unhinge their crooked beaks from the clock

Put your foot and mouth together for the sweethearts of Vietnam

Bolt the gate and head for ivory tower

Adoration is cutting the phone lines to your heart

Love is here

I am the snarling and starry-eyed

We both want the same thing

Better aim at the stranger in our yard

Just try to stop me

I am the blinding light of your life

Prepare the body

I've been better but thanks for asking

Wait with the scarecrow for the spotlight in the rye

I'll eat you alive

The calm will come again