

Kevin Devine, Brooklyn Boy

Brooklyn boy, born and raised in shopping lines
hey hey, it's my birthday
it's a toy I torched, a tarpit flame, a lockjaw night
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friends that make your stomach shake
while your hissing head barrels down that blackened lane
alone at last to figure how you got this way
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charcoal clouds spot and spray, they kill the sun
hey hey, hear its back break
so I can never tell night from day
or right from wrong,
hey hey, you're my headache

silver tongue it masks your hungry hate
while your haggard heart whispers through its cracking cage
you still can change, you have to know, you still can change
I know, I know, for now I wanna be this way

this was a choice, this was never a mistake