

Prefab Sprout, Talking Scarlet

Carry no bright torches for me...

You hide under the eiderdown all you can't sweep underneath the carpet

When you cover your neighbour's wife scalding marks appear you're talking scarlet

Kid yourself that it's platonic love

Best of friends - Eyes all smiling - Watch them turn to iron filings

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Yes he's crying in his sleep, yes he's thoroughly miserable for me

Losing his looks for me. Losing

Certain themes keep recurring, boundaries start a blurring

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Oh my God someone tell her - I know she's a star, celestial feast

In the zoo of my heart she is thrown to the beast, tell her

The mouse here beside her won't always be denied her

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Scarlet is my name

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