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(making little creamer pyramids on the table)

twenty minutes late

i've never been any good at being on time

(no no no no no)

so i owe you now

anything, name it

call us a game

take me to fame

whatever you want, i'm ears

(elbows lean on table)

is everything so skewed?

my dreams stir with pen

i plan to write

no, i plan to tell

no, i plan to live

(sips black coffee)

then you told me a tale

a pretty little tale

of white horses and dandelions

and all the young love filling the story

... that's always the ending, that it ends

(fidgets with straw wrapper)

i like to think of quirk as hobby

lust as loss

and love as a four letter word

what are your plans

i plan to write

writing as word

every word strung together

change a life with a phrase, that's what i want

(bill, please)