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When us ugly people
mix with the attractive people
we feel like the ugly people
I want to make love to you
but only when the electricity is out

(Beauty is only a light switch away, they say)
Touch me in shadows  
Kiss me with closed eyes
Ugly people are only recognized at distances of inches
the rest of the time we vanish

(Good from far, far from good, they say)
Always naked in the light
Castrated by the sun
I'll take you to a movie and show up when the previews start
Shining armor isn't part of my wardrobe

(It's what's inside that counts, they say)
But what's inside keeps telling us
that what's outside
is really fucking us over

Stay with me in black
Caress my body with blind eyes
Blind the tip of your tongue into mine
while you look the other way

(Blinded by love, I've heard)
Let me kiss your vulnerable spots
Pretty smiles are for advertisers
Hold me in the black of your eye

Perfection is euthanasia
Authenticity is blemished

Then we will see
if we all look
the same
when we really look long enough