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| d¹  .d¹  :d¹  .d¹  :–   .l   :m   .s   | –   .f   :–         :–         :
  Strumming my   pain         with his  fin-     gers,
| m   .m   :m   .m   :–   .d   :t₁  .d   | –   .d   :–         :–         :
| l   .l   :l   .l   :–   .l   :l   .r   | –   .r   :–         :–         :
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| t   .t   :t   .t   :–   .s   :r   .m   | –        :–         :–         :
  sing- ing  my   live        withhis words.
| f   .f   :f   .f   :–   .f   :r   .m   | –        :–         :r         :
| s   .s   :s   .s   :–   .l   :t   .d¹  | –        :–         :t         :
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| m   .m   :m   .m   :–   .l   :d¹  .t   | –   .l   :–         :r¹  .r¹  :r¹  .d¹
  Kill- ing  me   soft-      ly    with his    song,        kil- ling me   soft-
| d   .d   :d   .d   :–   .d   :m   .r   | –   .fi  :–         :s   .l   :l   .l
| l   .l   :l   .l   :–   .s   :s   .fi  | –   .r   :–         :m   .fi  :fi  .s
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| –   .t   :–        :         :s   .t   | –   .l   :–    .    :l   .l   :d¹  .l
      ly                       with his    song,          tell- ing my   whole
| –   .r   :–        :         :t₁  .r   | –   .d   :–    .    :s   .f   :l   .f
| –   .s   :–        :         :s   .f   | –   .f   :–    .    :f   .f   :f   .d¹
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| –   .s   :–        :         :d   .s   | –   .f   :–    .    :f   .m   :m   .m
      live                     with his    words,         kill- ling me   soft-
| –   .m   :–        :         :d   .s   | –   .d   :–    .    :d   .d   :d   .d
| –   .d¹  :–        :         :d¹  .s   | –   .l   :–    .    :l   .l   :l   .ta
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| –   .r   :–        :–        :–        | –        :–         :r         :r
      ly                                                       with       his
| –   .r   :–        :–        :–        | –        :–         :ta        :r
| –   .ta  :–        :–        :–        | –        :–         :f         :ta
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| m        :–        :–        :–        | –        :–         :–         :
  song
| r        :–        :–        :–        | di       :–         :–         :
| l        :–        :–        :–        | –        :–         :–         :
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|          :    .m   :f   .s   :–   .l   | –        :s   .r   :–   .s   :–
                I    heard he       sang            a    good      song
                I    felt  all      flushed         with fe-       ver,
| f        :f   .d   :d        :–        | d        :d   .d   :–   .t₁  :–
  Doot          doo, I    heard           dut       a    good      song
  Doot          doo, I    felt            dut       with fe-       ver,
| r        :r        :–        :r        | s        :s        :–         :s
  Doot          doo            doo         doot      doo                doo
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|s        :–   .l  :s      :f   .m  |–   .f  :–   .d  :–        :–
 ooh,          I   heard   he   had      a       style.
 ooh,          em- barr-   assed by      the     crowd.
|r   .m  :–        :m      :d   .d  |–   .d  :–   .d  :–        :–
 doo doo,          heard   he   had      a       style.
 doo doo,          'barr-  assed by      the     crowd.
|d       :d   :–           :ta      |l        :l        :–      :m
 doot       doo            doo       doot        doo              doo
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|f        :–   .m  :f  .s  :–   .l  |–        :–   .s  :l  .t  :–   .t
 Mm,           and so  I        care           to  see  him      and
 Mm,           I   felt he      found          my  let- ters     and
|d        :–       :–      :–   .d  |–        :–   .t₁ :d  .r  :–   .r
 Ooh,                           care           to  see  him      and
 Ooh,                           found          my  let- ters     and
|r        :–       :–      :–   .s  |–        :–   .s  :s  .s  :–   .s
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|d¹       :t   .l  :–  .s  :l      |–        :–        :–        :–
 lis-         ten for      a   while.
 read         each one     out loud.
|d        :r   .d  :–  .t₁ :d      |–        :–        :–        :–
|l        :l   :–          :l      |l        :s        :m   .r   :d
 doot        doo           doo      lis-        ten       for      a
 doot        doo           doo      read        each      one      out
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|f        :d¹  .l  :–      :f   .m  |–        :r   .m  :–   .f  :–
 Ooh,         and there    he   was         this young     boy,
 Ohh,         I   prayed   that he          would fin-      ish
|d        :m   .f  :–      :r   .d  |–        :t₁  .d  :–   .r  :–
|r        :–       :r      :–       |s        :f        :m       :r
 while,            doo                dim       dim       dim      dim
 loud,             doo                dim       dim       dim      dim
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|s        :–   .s  :s      :–   .s  |si  .si  :–   .l  :–   .t  :–
 uh,          a   stran-         ger to  my       eyes
 uh,          but he           just kept right     on
|r   .m  :–        :m      :–   .m  |r   .r   :–   .r  :–   .r  :–
 doo doo,         stran-          ger to  my       eyes.
 doo doo,         he             just kept right     on.
|d        :d   :–          :d       |m   .m   :–   .fi :–   .si :–
 doot        doo           doo       to  my       eyes
 doot        doo           doo       kept right     on
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{ |d¹  .d¹  :d   .d   :—   .l   :m   .s   |—   .f   :—        :—        :
  |Strumming my  pain        with his  fin-       gers,
  |m   .m   :m   .m   :—   .d   :t₁  .d   |—   .d   :—        :—        :
  |l   .l   :l   .l   :—   .l   :l   .r   |—   .r   :—        :—        :
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{ |t   .t   :t   .t   :—   .s   :r   .m   |—        :—        :—        :
  |sing- ing   my   live        withhis  words.
  |f   .f   :f   .f   :—   .f   :r   .m   |—        :—        :r        :
  |s   .s   :s   .s   :—   .l   :t   .d¹  |—        :—        :t        :
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{ |m   .m   :m   .m   :—   .l   :d¹  .t   |—   .l   :—        :r¹  .r¹  :r¹  .d¹
  |Kill- ing  me   soft-     ly    with his      song,        kil-  ling me   soft-
  |d   .d   :d   .d   :—   .d   :m   .r   |—   .fi  :—        :s   .l   :l   .l
  |l   .l   :l   .l   :—   .s   :s   .fi  |—   .r   :—        :m   .fi  :fi  .s
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{ |—   .t   :—        :         :s   .t   |—   .l   :—   .    :l   .l   :d¹  .l
  |     ly                      with his       song,        tell- ing  my   whole
  |—   .r   :—        :         :        |—        :d   :—        :—
  |     ly                                         ah
  |—   .s   :—        :         :        |—        :f   :—        :—
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{ |—   .s   :—        :         :d   .s   |—   .f   :—   .    :ᶠd  .t₁  :t₁  .m
  |     live                    with his       words,        kill- ling me   soft-
  |     :m        :—            :d   .s   |—   .d   :—   .    :ᵈs₁ .s₁  :s₁  .d
  |     ah                      with his       words,        kill- ling me   soft-
  |     :d¹       :—            :d¹  .s   |—   .l   :—   .    :¹m  .m   :m   .f
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{ |—        :—        :l₁  :—   |—        :—        :l₁  :l₁  |t₁  :—        :—        :—
  |              ly                             with  his   song
  |—        :—        :l₁  :—   s₁   :f₁   :m   :r    | :        :si₁  :—
  |              ly                             with  his        song
  |—        :—        :f   :—   d    :l₁   :ᶠf₁ :ᶠf₁  | :        :ᵐm₁  :—
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