



James Blake

“To Care (Like You)”

*James Blake*

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# double

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*“I wish I could have known  
how easy it  
was to care like you”  
– James Blake*

for every tooth i lose  
    biting your retreat,  
i swallow enough blood  
    to fuel my double,  
who will eat my shame  
    & smile like a person  
    & leave this room  
    & keep my word

& if my double were to walk  
like me but care like you,  
would you recognize their  
eyes as too alert to be mine?  
their smile as too familiar to be true?

for every bone i break  
    chasing my defeat,  
i extract enough marrow  
    to sculpt myself a home,  
where i can eat my shame  
    & smile like a person  
    & convince myself  
    of how easy it could be