

The Longer I Hold

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C C7
The longer I hold
F
The higher I go
Fm Gm C
Neighbors and soldiers
F
Crouching below

Em C Gmaj7 Bm
HARD to explain what my eyes have exposed
C Amin7 Bmin7 B7
Peeling this Polaroid history.
Amin7 C Bmin7
No bridge from the last moment's leading to this
C Em D4
And the future's corrupted by mystery.

The longer I hold
The higher I go
Vespas and taxicabs
Crawling below

Through candles your green eyes took in the crowds
And your hands were warm around mine
Hotels were empty their front doors ajar
Lemon grass soup spilled in French wine

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Fm Gm C
The morning is young
F
The victory cold.

G

Rushing past others

F#m

Our boots on the ground

Em

Our politics reasoned

D7

Our strategies sound.

C

And though time was streaming

Em

It seems just a second

Fmaj7

Did you think it was really

Bmin7

Our safety that beckoned?

C C7

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F

The higher I go

Fm

Gm

C

I'm alive but I'm hanging

F

It's a risk I was sold.

Em

C

Gmaj7

Bm

I stumbled with refugees, shared cigarettes

C

Amin7

Bmin7

B7

And walked through the smoking staging zone

Amin7

C

Bmin7

Suddenly sprinting as the chopper was lifting

C

Em

D4

Do the news photos show that I hang alone?

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The prop wash so hot

My fingers so cold.

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