

# Desperation

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Snow falling  
 cold and wet  
 (like my mood)  
 Layering the ground  
 in an icy frost  
 (like my soul)  
 machine needs recharging  
 warming up  
 (like my heart)  
 Garage is empty, dark  
 car inside, a lonely sight  
 (like my life)  
 Engine turns over  
 an uneasy grinding  
 (But it starts)  
 Sitting inside, in the  
 dark, I see the light  
 (a way out?)  
 Close the door behind me  
 lie back relax, breathe deep  
 (Haven't done this in quite some time)  
 Holding nothing but memories  
 of what I'll leave  
 (not all bad, though)  
 Remembering you as  
 first we met  
 (filled with anticipation)  
 How I felt like I already  
 knew you, but had much to learn  
 (afraid but safe)  
 Feeling drowsy  
 gas is working  
 (If I end it now, will you forgive me?)  
 Too scared to risk it, so I turn off the engine  
 Desperate to leave but too anxious to stay  
 (am I a coward, or a hero)

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