

The Longest Day Of The Year (August 2019)

Before the longest day of the year
We talked about what we had
How we'd never had it before
I slurred your family given name
Declared love
Outside in night out of joy
For sweet baby James

On the longest day of the year
We spent more time on apology texts to those around us
Than love letters between us
Promising ourselves we'd only be proud
Of the chaos we made in public
Privately

After the longest day of the year
I told you I'm your dad now because
yours is dying
I dabbed collected tears pocketed in acne scars

After the longest day of the year
The lights had turned on in the theater
We fell asleep
in like little boys
establishing that we were family

During a different time and place
On the longest day of the year,
Maybe we were just being groomed for a shared lover
Little ones

The night of the longest day of the year I spent next to you
On your family's couch
Humming to
"I Thought The World Of You"