

Offbeat

You ask me to trust you
babe, show me

- a gentle kiss at the start
- fuzzy blankets wrapped around my shoulders
- the TV turned off when we talk

don't forget to

- ask "if it's okay to—"
- listen between the silences
- believe (in) me

and maybe we'll make it to

- lap naps
- snug hands
- foreheads *touching*
eyelashes *dancing*
lips *nipping*

slow and steady
'cause we need no race

and words move too

- "it's okay if you're not okay"
- "I'm still here when you're ready"
- "thank you"

just gotta get used to

- the cinnamon in your cologne
- crying on a hot chest
- wearing your ash-flecked hoodie
loosely

love is a game we can't afford
to cheat

so hold me with your wide brown eyes

let me move closer— skin to skin

a goal race

and give to me what I lost to another

with true blue words for a scarlet kiss