Shadow

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Why can't my wings soar like yours?
Why can't my span spread as wide?
Maybe I've got too much left to hide
Why is it so hard to fly
as I watch you grab the sky?
Maybe you've got nothing left to lose
In the air, we'd meet as friends
Equals in the sky,
and I would be content to watch you fly
From the ground you're just someone
who's closer to the sun,
and I am just the shadow by your side
Why is there a wind that waits
every time you leave the gates?
Why are you aloft when I'm a fool?
Maybe I don't feel the breeze
as it washes over me
Maybe I'm just too earthbound to move
But in the air we'd meet as friends
Equals in the sky,
and I would be content to watch you fly
Here on the ground you're just someone
who's closer to the sun,
and I am just a shadow by your side
Why does God give us these dreams
if He won't provide the wings?
If I had one wish tonight,
I would wish to chart my flight
higher than the mountains I can't climb
I would meet you halfway there
Soar like only eagles dare
and my wings would measure brave enough to face the sky
'cause in the air we'd meet as friends
Equal to the sky,
and I would be content to watch you fly
But from the ground you're just someone
who's standing closer to the sun,
and I am just a shadow by your side
From the ground you're just someone

Who's closer to the sun
And I am just the shadow by your side

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