

# Homecoming (Walter's Song)

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It's desert ice outside but this diner has thawed my ears  
Hot coffee in a clean white mug and a smile when the waitress hears  
That I was born in North Carolina  
Not an hour from her home town  
And we used to play the same pizza parlor pinball

And there's a glance in time suspended as I wonder how it is  
We've been swept up just by circumstance to where the coyote lives  
Where my days are strips of highway  
And she's wiping tables down  
Holding on and still waiting for that windfall

But I've come home  
Even though I've never had so far to go  
I've come home

I pay the check and leave the change from a crumpled ten-dollar bill  
Head across the street where VACANCY is burning in neon still  
Well, the night eats up my body heat  
And there's no sign of another  
And I find myself slipping down into that black

But things are good I've got a lot of followers of my faith  
I've got a whole congregation living in my head these days  
And I'm preaching from the pulpit  
To cries of "Amen brother"  
Closing my eyes to feel the warmth come back

And I've come home  
Even though I swear I've never been so alone  
I've come home

I just want to be living as I'm dying  
Just like everybody here  
Just want to know my little flicker of time is worthwhile  
And I don't know where I'm driving to  
But I know I'm getting old  
And there's a blessing in every moment every mile

Thin white terry bars of soap and a couple little plastic cups

Old Gideon's Bible in the nightstand drawer saying "Go on open up"  
Well I'll kneel down on the carpet here  
Though I never was sure of God  
Think tonight I'll give Him the benefit of the doubt

I switch off the lights and imagine that waitress outlined in the bed  
Her hair falling all around me  
I smile and shake my head  
Well we all write our own endings  
And we all have our own scars  
But tonight I think I see what it's all about

Because I've come home  
I've come home

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