

Between Here and Gone

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Tonight the moon came up, it was nearly full
Way down here on Earth, I could feel its pull
The weight of gravity, or just the lure of light
Made me want to leave my only home tonight
Yes I'm just wondering how we know where we belong
Is it in a photograph, or a dashboard's poet's song
Will I have missed my chance to right some ancient wrong
Should I find myself between here and gone
Now I could grab my keys, and peel out in my truck
With every cent on board bringing me their luck
I could drive too fast like a midnight sleeve
As if there was a way to outrun the grief
Yes I'm just wondering how we know where we belong
In a song that's left behind, in a dream I couldn't wake from
Could I have felt the brush of a soul that's passing on
Somewhere in between here and gone
Up above me
Wayward angels
A blur of wings and grace
One for courage
One for safety
And one for 'just in case'
I thought a light went out, but now a candle shines
I thought my tears wouldn't stop, then I dried my eyes
And after all of this, the truth that holds me here
Is that this emptiness is something not to fear
Yes I'll keep wondering how we know where we belong
After all the journeys made and the journeys yet to come
When I feel like giving up instead of going on
Somewhere in between
Yes, I'm just wondering how we know where we belong
Is it in the arc of the moon leaving shadows on the lawn
In the path of fireflies and a single bird at dawn
Singing in between here and gone

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