The Blue Distance

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Across the railroad tracks, down the gravel road
Headlights throw a beam on the way back home
Lie down, lie down, listen wide awake
To the trains that roll, to the sound time makesIt passes through the air like a summer storm
Catching on my sleeve like a roses thorn
Sometimes it whispers, sometimes it roars
Flies like the wind, waits by the door
And I know you know and that's all I need
When the light of day looks like night to me
When you're far away and I'm all alone
I can't explain, I know you knowIt fills up my chest, it fills up my eyes
Like an old glass jar filled with fireflies
Sometimes I'm still, sometimes I sigh
Sometimes I'm lost and I don't know why
But I know you know and that's all I need
When the light of day looks like night to me
When you're far away and I'm all alone
I can't explain, I know you knowIn the morning light, before the heat sets in
Call the dogs to run where the shade has been
Across the railroad tracks lay your silver down
Find it smooth and flat, stars for your crown

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