Nowhere

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So cold today Wind is blowing You turn your face away Can hardly see where you're goingWalking downtown Eighth Street, Washington Square Stepping carefully In the footprints someone left thereWhile the city all around you Becomes only paper thin And the wind on your face Is freezing someone else's skinAnd the sun is making movies Slo-mo black and white You wish you could breathe the cold air And feel it move insideI know what it is to be nowhere I know what it's like I know what it is to be nowhereLong ago in your room Pretended you were far away Then you looked into your mother's eyes Saw no one was reflected thereNow your secrets are your companions You know them all by heart They're written on your body You read them in the darkCarved underneath your sweater So you'll always remember At least they're something To hold onto, hold ontoI know what it is to be nowhere I know what it's like I know what it is to be nowhere, nowhereWalking downtown To a place you've never been before Go inside and say your name And close the doorGo inside, say your name And close the door Go inside, go inside, go inside

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