Map of My Heart

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The map of my heart looks a lot like yours From the one way streets to the old detours To the dark dead ends with their missing signs The sun and the moon and the roads that wind Like the stories we tell tracing the routes Wind in my ears, dirt on my bootsThe map of my heart is torn at the corners From ignoring the warnings, disobeying the orders I've been lost in a crowd, found in solitary I learned how to travel with just what I could carry Towards the vast unseen and the great unknown The map of a heart is all that we ownLeaving safety to chance and reason behind X marks every spot I thought I'd lost my mind I didn't think that I could but I couldn't stop trying And I can't stop trying to hold in my hands That moment I could feel my heart expand With more love than I thought could exist in the world The hollows were gone, the emptiness filled A life transformed down to the bone This map of my heart is all that I own

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