## Mesa, AZ

## **Bad Books**

We passed eight hundred miles
Talking circles about living with loss

You said your sense of humor's

Always helped you get above and acrossEvery hurdle, every chasm

Every shocking and unspeakable blow

Just proves the universe is chaos

So you laugh to clear the lump from your throatBut if you're fixed on being bitter

Go be bitter on your own

We're still two hours from El Paso

Arizona's such a long way to goThe chemicals were coursing through

Our bloodstreams at incongruous rates

I was time traveling inward

Through a past life I can never eraseYou were hanging out the window

You said, "We're just a beggar's banquet in space"

You were laughing at the moon

You were cursing it for wearing your faceMe and New Mexico are orphans

Or is it bastards? Either way

I think I know a guy in Roswell

We'll hitch a moon ride, steal you back your faceYou sleep and whistle 'Blackbird' backwards

While my eyes cut her name in clay

You wake to Mesa, Arizona

Say, "Let it go, she'll change her mind someday" You took the wheel in Mesa, Arizona

"I got the rest, man

You can drift away"

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