I Am A Town (PCM Stereo)

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I'm a town in Carolina, I'm a detour on a ride

For a phone call and a soda, I'm a blur from the driver's side

I'm the last gas for an hour if you're going twenty-five

I am Texaco and tobacco, I am dust you leave behindI am peaches in September, and corn from a roadside stall

I'm the language of the natives, I'm a cadence and a drawl

I'm the pines behind the graveyard, and the cool beneath their shade

Where the boys have left their beer cans

I am weeds between the graves.My porches sag and lean with old black men and children

My sleep is filled with dreams, I never can fulfill them

I am a town.I am a church beside the highway where the ditches never drain

I'm a Baptist like my daddy, and Jesus knows my name

I am memory and stillness, I am lonely in old age

I am not your destination, I am clinging to my ways

I am a town.

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