

Around the Bend

Taproot

Inside I'm free
no need to breathe
the knife cuts a careful arch
intent to leave it's mark
and through it, i see
Around and around the bend
this circle remains an end
Around and around the bend
this circle remains a friend
Around and around the bend
this cycle remains a test
in the garden she's scene
captured imagery
buried beneath the ground
still life all around
and through it, i see
Around and around the bend
this circle remains an end
Around and around the bend
this circle remains a friend
Around and around the bend
this cycle remains a test
Around and around the bend
this circle remains an end
with a step she closes in on me
like broken glass
a drop of jewelry
with a click she takes my breath away
and holds it for another day
Around and around the bend
this circle remains an end
Around and around the bend
this circle remains a friend
Around and around the bend
this cycle remains a test
Around and around the bend
this circle remains an end
below the place i carve and rest
a matchbook sparks a lone address

the fire burns and walks with me
down to Contemplation Street

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