

National Parks

Big Ups

She was in the hospital
Waiting on the patients
Didn't have to twist her arm
No such thing as leisure
Trying to break a feverAnd the blood sprays from the arm
She takes a walk to pass the time
She walks alone because she's all alone
She takes a walk where trees are linedWalks alone because she's all alone- we left her alone
She dips her fingers into the slip
Hands form as the wheel spins
Making time out of clay
The phone rings through the house
Calling on the landlineAnd the cabinets are filled with clay
She takes a walk to pass the time
She walks alone because she's all alone
She takes a walk where trees are linedWalks alone because she's all alone- we left her alone
We got on a plane and flew across the country
And saw the biggest trees
Bigger than the ones that lined her streetsBigger than she'd ever seen
Bigger than one could think to exist
I think I saw her say to herself-
"This is everything I've missed"
I saw a glow in her eyeReflecting off the mountain's peak
And that wavelength of light
I hadn't seen it in a long time
It was a beacon, a guide
Showing the path out from the nightInto another start where the spaces weren't so far
She'll drive through national parks with her life inside the car
And when the phone rings it won't be people selling things
I'll be the one on the line cutting bricks of clay with twine
And building the bridge to share in her happiness

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