## **West Of Her Spine**

## Bell X1

She asked me to work on that knot Now I've been at that Coalface some time I've been trying to untie that knotI'm trying to work it to a soft spot And lie there a while Just south of her shoulder And west of her spineNow you'd think that I could untie that knot I'm the one who put it there in the first place But it's like trying to remember Where you've buried treasureWell, I've a vague idea But it was under the pale moon light And I was south of her shoulder And west of her spineSometimes early in the morning I watch her breathing rise and fall I've spilled in drunk beside her In the stillness of dawnSee how her hair spills over Like frayed ends of twine All wild and wrapped around her Like these wandering arms of mineWell, I hope they find a soft spot Where I can lie for a while Just south of her shoulder And west of her spineNow careful not to wake her I trace back along the twine To where her never endings sing Of too much of my timeIt's here, I'll rest my chin And breathe her deep and smile For I think, I've found a soft spot And I'll lie here a whileIt's here, I'll raise my flag And claim this land as mine Just south of her shoulder

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