

# Clifton Springs

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I was born old  
I grew up but I got younger  
I was torn, cold  
Now I'm fine but there's this hungerAnd a thirst for the days  
Before I went and razed it all to the groundGot a job, found God  
I did everything they told me  
Spoiled the child, spared the rod  
And found someone new to hold meThough the love's not as real  
As what I used to feel when it  
All went wrongShe was young, not scared  
She was everything I wanted  
I was dumb, unprepared  
Had no idea that I was hauntedBy the ghosts of a life  
The night I hid the knives and it all went wrongIt's an old wound but it opened in a new way  
In a rest room in a rest stop on the thruway  
She calls up her parents  
And admits with embarrassment she was wrongSpeaking of your mother  
This is how it goes  
When the world gets you down, I suppose  
You can fly away somewhere elseOf your own volition, of your own accord  
When you're sad, when you're angry  
When you're bored  
You've got to do what's best for yourselfI awoke, you were gone  
There was nothing left to hold onto  
I was blind, I was wrong  
But I could find you if I want toSo I fly to the coast where  
The boys you love most  
Sing into your eyesI was lost, now I'm found  
I can see but miss the blindness  
Here's my cross, pound  
It's your mouth, your kiss, your kindnessMy stigmata's the regret for how  
I could have let it all go so wrongI'm going back to the place  
Where they laughed in my face  
When it all went, all went, all went wrongYes, it all went  
Isn't this what you wanted, darling?  
All went wrong

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