Supersede

Carbon Based Lifeforms

Cookie cried for three days, until she couldn?t cry no more
she ate the fridge, jumped the bridge and wound up bloated on the shore
The children they all pointed at another painted score
and somebody asked: ?can I take a picture??

Well the heat down here is brutal, it?s hard to do what?s right
the locals shout that you won?t burn out if you don?t ever shine too bright
and I wish I was in your back pocket or in your bed tonight
I wish that i was loud so you could hear me

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what else must I be?
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that I need you, honey I need you
there ain?t nobody who could supersede you
we?re not such strangers, so honey I need you right now

Now all the streets are paved with petals, the parade is coming through
it kind of feels like royalty cause? everyone?s in blue
and yellow flowers falling, from a window too
falling to the feet of such a coward

The mayor is kissing babies, he?s almost way too kind
we?re filled to the brim with honest men, they?re just way too hard to find
so stare into his Public Eyes and watch his clock unwind
then find him old and drowning in the deep end

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You see, I long for a hickory morning with a waltz and trumpet flare
i?m doing my best to recover from what time cannot repair
and i?m sick of all this solitude and pre-rehearsed despair
my eyes are a hundred miles away from sleeping

Well I wish you?d write a letter, or telephone to me

this place is dark and there ain?t a spark of who I used to be
so the sick hearts of the unloved tell the brave souls of the sea:
?we?re all closed up, why don?t you come back when we?re open.?

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There?s a cracked and pale mirror, hanging on my wall
the church bell rings and the choir sings and I can hear it from the hall
Now you might not believe it, but there was no fire at all
we just danced for seven days wishing for water

Maria tells the fortunes, they line around the bend
a dollar for your problems, and five to know the end
They come from miles around; like a pack of howling men
I wonder what she does with all that money

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Simple sidewalk painter, says his life is such a bore
spends his time with a jug of wine and a palette on the floor
he screams: ?Heaven! Take my eyes, cause I can?t paint no more.?
Honey, sometimes I feel just like his colors

I?m gonna go down to the ocean, I want to fill my boots with sand
so the next time that you see me, I?ll be a much more grounded man
So go and do whatever it is you do and I?ll do what I can
and when we meet again you can try to know me

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they call me pessimistic, but it occured to me

that babies are all born crying and dying is never free
But I still can?t shake that feeling, that Somebody?s watching me....
I just thought that I would tell you

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