My Friends

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"He's a quiet man" that's all she said
And he's a thoughtful man
It's just he likes to keep
His thoughts up in his headAnd we finally meet, and she tries to draw him out a bit
She says "He's writing something
Hey now, why don't you talk about it?"
And he doesn't make a soundHe's just staring at his coffee
And I know there's all this beauty
And this greatness she'll defend
But I think it's in my friendI have a friend in a bright and distant town
She's found a common balance
Where you do your work and you do your love
And they pay you and praise your many talentsWell I'm passing through and we know we won't sleep
She laughs, puts up the tea
She says "You know I think you remember every part of me"
And the water starts to boilAnd if I had a camera
Showing all the light we give
And showing where the light extends
I'd give it to my friendsSometimes I see myself fine
Sometimes I need a witness
And I like the whole truth
But there are nights I only need forgivenessSometimes they say "I don't know who you are
But let me walk with you some"
And I say "I am alone, that's all
You can't save me from all the wrong I've done"But they're waiting just the same
With their flashlights and their semaphores
And I'll act like I have faith and like that faith never ends
But I really just have friends

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