

Farther On

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In my early years I hid my tears
And passed my days alone
A drift on an ocean of loneliness

My dreams like nets were thrownTo catch the love that I'd heard of
In books and films and songs
Now there's a world of illusion and fantasy

In the place where the real world belongsStill I look for the beauty in songs
To fill my head and lead me on
Though my dreams have come up torn and empty

As many times as love has come and goneTo those gentle ones my memory runs
To the laughter we shared at the meals
I filled their kitchens and living rooms

With my schemes and my broken wheelsIt was never clear how far or near
The gates to my citadel lay
They were cutting from stone
Some dreams of their own

But they listened to mine anywayI'm not sure what I'm trying to say
It could be I've lost my way
Though I keep a watch over the distance

Heaven's no closer than it was yesterdayAnd the angels are older
They know not to wait up for the sun
They look over my shoulder
At the maps and the drawings

Of the journey I've begunNow the distance leads me farther on
Though the reasons I once had are gone
I keep thinking I'll find what I'm looking for

In the sand beneath the dawnBut the angels are older
They can see that the sun's setting fast
They look over my shoulder
At the vision of paradise

Contained in the light of the pastAnd they lay down behind me
To sleep beside the road till the morning has come
Where they know they will find me

With my maps and my faith in the distance
Moving farther on