Kettering

Antlers

I wish that I had known in
That first minute we met
The unpayable debt
That I owed youBecause you'd been abused
By the bone that refused you
And you hired me
To make up for thatWalking in that room
when you had tubes in your arms,
those singing morphine alarms
out of tuneThey had you sleeping and eating
And I didn't believe them
When they called you
A hurricane thundercloudWhen I was checking vitals
I suggested a smile
You didn't talk for a while
You were freezingYou said you hated my tone
It made you feel so alone
So you told me
I had to be leavingBut something kept me standing
By that hospital bed
I should have quit but instead
I took care of youYou made me sleep all uneven
And I didn't believe them
When they told me that there
Was no saving you

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