

# Note on a Windshield

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I circled twice then pulled in by the shopping carts  
In a cold steady rain coming down in the parking lot  
I saw him leave his truck running and duck into the store  
I just sat there thinking I'd seen him before  
There was something so familiar about him  
In the eyes of someone who hasn't forgotten  
The shape of a chance as it catches the light  
In the millions of rain drops falling that night  
So I dug in my bag for a pen and some paper  
Found an envelope, tore it in half  
I wrote down some words with my name and my number  
And then I took a big breath  
There's nothing holding us down  
I'm not made of stone or of steel  
I slipped it beneath the wiper blades  
Just a note on a windshield  
When you find yourself out of things to believe in  
Apart and adrift, no point and no reason  
Is there nothing to fear because there's nothing to lose?  
If it were a choice which one would you choose?  
There's time you can trust and time that you question  
Time you ignore and time you don't mention  
Time that you wish you could get back somehow  
When see you how fast its flying by now  
There's nothing holding us down  
I'm not made of stone or of steel  
Will the wind blow you away  
Like a note on a windshield  
There's nothing holding us down  
And no words for the way that you feel  
You just watch the rain pour  
On a note on a windshield  
Some days I still think I could be someone else  
Those are the days I feel lost to myself  
Mistaking a stranger, misplacing a heart  
How to put back together what's been taken apart  
I didn't want to leave but I didn't want to linger  
Fatalist, optimist, magical thinker  
You only hold on until you let go  
Turning the key, I pulled away slow  
There's nothing holding us down  
As my hands were turning the wheel  
The rain washed words away  
From a note on a windshield  
There's nothing holding us down  
When there's nothing left to reveal  
We are light, we are weightless and brave  
Like a note on a windshield

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