

The Life You Chose

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Who are you if not the one I met?
One July night before the town went wet
Jack and coke in your mama's car
You were reading The Bell Jar Where are you if you're not on your own?
Always lonely, never quite alone
Where's the Jesus that you swore you'd find?
After running the last line Are you living the life you chose?
Are you living the life that chose you?
Are you taking a grown-up dose?
Do you live with a man who knows you like I
Thought I did back then
But I guess I never did
Did I kid? I got lucky when I finished school
Lost three fingers to a faulty tool
Settled out of court, I'm no one's fool
You probably knew There's plenty left to make a getaway
I've spent enough nights in the bluegrass state
We could go somewhere where people stay up late
Or just somewhere new Are you living the life you chose?
Are you living the life that chose you?
Are you taking a grown-up dose?
Do you live with a man who knows you like I
Thought I did back then
But I guess I never did
Did I kid? Here I am inviting you to throw your life away
Victim of nostalgia maybe take away
Just tonight I realized that I am still in your backseat
Nothing I've had since has meant a thing to me Are you living the life you chose?
Are you living the life that chose you?
Are you taking a grown-up dose?
Do you live with a man who knows you like I
Thought I did back then
But I guess I never did
Did I kid?

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