Left and Leaving

The Weakerthans

My city's still breathing but barely it's true
Through buildings gone missing like teeth
The sidewalks are watching me think about you
All sparkled with broken glassI'm back with scars to show back with the streets I know
They never take me anywhere but here
Those stains in the carpet, this drink in my hand
These strangers whose faces I knowWe meet here for our dress-rehearsal to say, "I wanted it this way"
And wait for the year to drown
Spring forward, fall back down
I'm trying not to wonder where you areAll this time lingers, undefined
Someone choose who's left and who's leaving
Memory will rust and erode into lists of all that you gave me
Some matches, a blanket, this pain in my chestThe best parts of Lonely, duct-tape and soldered wires
New words for old desires, and every birthday card I threw away
I wait in 4/4 time
Count yellow highway lines that you're relying on to lead you home

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