Classic Cars

Bright Eyes

She was a real royal lady, true patron of the arts
Said the best country singers die in the back of classic cars
So if I ever got too hungry for a suitcase or guitar
To think of them, all alone in the darkSo I laid some nights beside her in a bed made for a queen

She said I kissed her different, that all the men her age were mean

Gave me anything I wanted, oh, the generosity

I took all that I could, it was freeNow the sky is a torn up denim and the clouds just splattered paint

Its a room Im renovating, its a name I got to change

If I get out of California, Im going back to my home state

To tell them all that I made a mistakeAnd I keep looking for that blindfold faith, lighting candles to a cynical saint

Who wants the last laugh at the fly trapped in the windowsill tape
You can go right out your mind trying to escape
From the panicked paradox of day to day

If you cant understand something, then its best to be afraidThe whole world, it loves you if you are a chic chameleon

Intersecting circles, she could hang with anyone
But when conducting business, she would lie about where shes from
Saying, "Life is how it is, not how it was"I learned to listen, felt like I was back at school
Shed talk forever about the phases of the moon

Saying, "Everything's a cycle, youve got to let it come to you And when it does, you will know what to do"Without even knowing, I guess I took up her advice

Painted her front door, it seemed a suitable goodbye

Its not that often but I think of her sometimes

Just something quaint, a couple ships in the nightAnd they keep moving at a glacial pace, turning circles in a memory maze

I made a new cast of the death mask that's gonna cover my face
I had to change the combination to the safe
Hide it all behind a wall, let people wait
And never trust a heart that's so bent, it cant break

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