## **Mercy Street**

## **Richard Shindell**

Looking down on empty streets, all she can see
are the dreams all made solid
are the dreams all made realall of the buildings, all of those cars
were once just a dream
in somebody's headshe pictures the broken glass, she pictures the steam
she pictures a soul

she pictures a sour

with no leak at the seamlets take the boat out

wait until darkness

let's take the boat out

wait until darkness comesnowhere in the corridors of pale green and grey

nowhere in the suburbs

in the cold light of daythere in the midst of it so alive and alone

words support like bonedreaming of mercy st.

wear your inside out

dreaming of mercy

in your daddy('s arms again

dreaming of mercy st.

'swear they moved that sign

dreaming of mercy

in your daddy's armspulling out the papers from the drawers that slide smooth tugging at the darkness, word upon wordconfessing all the secret things in the warm velvet box to the priest-he's the doctor

he can handle the shocksdreaming of the tenderness-the tremble in the hips of kissing Mary's lipsdreaming of mercy st.

wear your insides out

dreaming of mercy

in your daddy's arms again

dreaming of mercy st.

'swear they moved that sign

looking for mercy

in your daddy's armsmercy, mercy, looking for mercy
mercy, looking for mercyAnne, with her father is out in the boat
riding the water
riding the waves on the sea

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