

# The Afterlife

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After I died and the makeup had dried  
I went back to my place  
No moon that night but a heavenly light  
Shone on my face  
Still I thought it was odd, there was no sign of God  
Just to usher me in  
Then a voice from above, sugar coated with love said  
"Let us begin"  
You got to fill out a form first  
And then you wait in the line  
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Okay, a new kid in school, got to follow the rule  
You got to learn the routine  
Whoa, there's a girl over there with the sunshiny hair  
Like a homecomin' queen  
I said, "Hey, what you say? It's a glorious day  
By the way how long you've been dead?"  
Maybe you, maybe me, maybe baby makes three  
But she just shook her head  
You got to fill out a form first  
And then you wait in the line  
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Buddha and Moses and all the noses  
From narrow to flat  
Had to stand in the line, just to glimpse the divine  
What you think about that?  
Well, it seems like our fate to suffer  
And wait for the knowledge we seek  
It's all His design, no one cuts in the line  
No one here likes to sneak  
You got to fill out a form first  
And then you wait in the line  
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And then you wait in the line  
After you climb, up the ladder of time  
The Lord God is near  
Face to face, in the vastness of space

Your words disappear  
And you feel like swimming in an ocean of love  
And the current is strong  
But all that remains when you try to explain  
Is a fragment of song  
Lord is it, bebop-a-lula or ooh-poppa-do?  
Lord, bebop-a-lula or ooh-poppa-do  
Bebop-a-lula

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