## **Leaving Song**

## **Mary Chapin Carpenter**

When you see that you're leaving And you see that you're gone And you see there's no saying GoodbyeAll the trees are in mourning The light is late from the sun Casting shadow on shadow Now and from the skyAnd it's hard not to want to turn around It's hard not to want to back on down We're only as strong as our hearts within Only as strongAnd all you know of where the road goes Is someplace far and unknown You would think you would have gotten Used to it all by nowBut each day just gets harder Every journey alone Never knowing if you'll make it Back home somehowAnd it's hard not to want to turn around It's hard not to want to back on down We're only as brave as we think we are Only as braveAnd it's hard not to want to turn it down For some guaranteed soul-crushing merry-go-round But it driven you straight into the ground Driven you downAnd the three greatest gifts of moving on Are forgiveness, hope and the great beyond After that perhaps peace can come Peace will comeAnd you see that you're leaving And you see that you're gone

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