I Must Belong Somewhere

Bright Eyes

Leave the bright, blue door on the white-washed wall Leave the death ledger under city hall Leave the joyful air in that rubber ball today Just leave the lilac print on the linen sheet Leave the bird you killed at your father's feet Let the sideways rain in the crooked street remain Leave the whimpering dog in his cold kennel Leave the dead starlet on her pedestal Leave the acid kids in their green fishbowls today Leave the sad guitar in its hard-shell case Leave the worried look on your lover's face Let the orange embers in the fireplace remain 'Cause everything, it must belong somewhere A train, off in the distance, bicycle chained to the stairs Everything, it must belong somewhere I know that now, that's why I'm staying here Leave the ocean's roar in that turquoise shell Leave the widower in his private hell Leave the liberty in that broken bell today Just leave the epic poem on its yellowed page Leave the gray macaw in his covered cage Let the traveling band on the interstate remain 'Cause everything, it must belong somewhere Sound-stage in California, televisions in Times Square, yeah Everything, it must belong somewhere I know that now, that's why I'm staying here Oh, I know that now, that's why I'm staying here Leave the secret talks on the trundle bed Leave the garden tools in the rusted shed Leave those bad ideas in your troubled head today Just leave the restless ghost in his old hotel Leave the homeless man, out in that cardboard cell Let the painted horse on the carousel remain 'Cause everything, it must belong somewhere Just like the gold around your finger or the silver in his hair Yeah, everything must belong somewhere And I know that now, that's why I'm staying here Oh, I know that now, that's why I'm staying here In truth, the forest hears each sound

Each blade of grass as it lies down The world requires no audience No witnesses, no witnesses Leave the old town drunk on his wooden stool Leave the autumn leaves in that swimming pool Leave the poor, black child in his crumbling school today Leave the novelist in his daydream tune Leave the scientist in her Rubik's cube Let the true genius in the padded room remain Leave the horse's hair on the slanted bow Leave the slot machines on the riverboat Leave the cauliflower in the casserole today Just leave the hot white-trash in their shopping malls Leave the hawks of war in their capitals Let the organs moan in the cathedral remain 'Cause everything, it must belong somewhere They lock the devil in the basement, threw God up into the air Yeah, everything must belong somewhere You know it's true, I wish you'd leave me here Now you know it's true, why don't you leave me here?

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