

# Hopeful

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Supposedly it was a wise wise man  
Who said it's better to have loved and lost  
Than never to have loved at all, but never to have loved.  
How many times is the truth that you take to be true  
Just truth falling apart at the same speed as you  
Until it all comes away at a million degrees  
And you're just a few pieces of fallin' debris  
And she's hopeful, hopeful, for me  
I'm coming out of the dark clouds  
Then she went away and she packed all her love and  
I could not believe it how little there was and  
I stood in the cold kitchen with nothin' to say  
Who'd keep the whole world spinning when she went away yeah?  
She kept telling me about the good things I deserved  
That I wanted somebody I'd mistaken for her  
But one look in my eyes and she'd know she was wrong  
So she wouldn't look back at me until she was gone  
How many times did you give all your love and  
Find out it was so far from far from enough?  
I followed her out into the street in the rain  
And the whole world stopped spinning and just went up in flames  
And she's hopeful, hopeful,  
for me  
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She says it to me often  
The sunlight corroded and the day started to fail  
The rocks in the road sharpened shadows to nails  
The fence posts were empty and so were the trees  
Had the bluebird of youth sung its last tune for me  
I've seen her around now with someone new I don't know  
She likes greed-eyed boys who are haloed in hope  
But I know the look in his eyes and I know all the old signs  
It's just a couple more curves before his own road unwinds  
These days I'm feelin' better about the man that I am  
There's some things I can change and there's others I can't  
I met someone new now I know I deserve  
I never met someone who loves the world more than her  
She has been through her own share of hard times as well  
And she's learned how to tear out the heaven from hell  
Most nights I'm alright still old rocks roll downhill  
But she says I'll get better, she knows that I will  
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