Note on a Windshield

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I circled twice then pulled in by the shopping carts In a cold steady rain coming down in the parking lot

I saw him leave his truck running and duck into the store

I just sat there thinking I'd seen him before There was something so familiar about him

In the eyes of someone who hasn't forgotten

The shape of a chance as it catches the light

In the millions of rain drops falling that nightSo I dug in my bag for a pen and some paper

Found an envelope, tore it in half

I wrote down some words with my name and my number

And then I took a big breathThere's nothing holding us down

I'm not made of stone or of steel

I slipped it beneath the wiper blades

Just a note on a windshield

When you find yourself out of things to believe in

Apart and adrift, no point and no reason

Is there nothing to fear because there's nothing to lose?

If it were a choice which one would you choose? There's time you can trust and time that you question

Time you ignore and time you don't mention

Time that you wish you could get back somehow

When see you how fast its flying by nowThere's nothing holding us down

I'm not made of stone or of steel

Will the wind blow you away

Like a note on a windshieldThere's nothing holding us down

And no words for the way that you feel

You just watch the rain pour

On a note on a windshield

Some days I still think I could be someone else

Those are the days I feel lost to myself

Mistaking a stranger, misplacing a heart

How to put back together what's been taken apartI didn't want to leave but I didn't want to linger

Fatalist, optimist, magical thinker

You only hold on until you let go

Turning the key, I pulled away slowThere's nothing holding us down

As my hands were turning the wheel

The rain washed words away

From a note on a windshield

There's nothing holding us down

When there's nothing left to reveal

We are light, we are weightless and brave Like a note on a windshield

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