

All Our Lives

Andrew McMahon in the Wilderness

I saw this old friend at the Eveleigh bar
Life hadn't treated him so well
A heart so cold and words so blue
In a body home from hell

He said,
If I could tell you one thing, I would tell you this,
There's only one mistake that I have made
It's giving up the music in my fingertips
By trying to get to Heaven through my veins

All our lives,
I watched you search beneath the fallen skies
This was no path to glory, you always walked before me,
But you came back to warn me
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I saw this woman with tears in her eyes
Driving beside me yesterday
She turned her head, then I turned mine
Then I watched her drive away

I thought if I could tell her something, I would tell her this
There's only two mistakes that I have made
It's running from the people who could love me best
And trying to fix a world that I can't change

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I remember being young and staring at my hands
In the middle of the night, the first light of the morning
Room like a church, voices down the hall
Barely made 'em out, but sometimes you don't want to know

And now that I'm older, I can tell you this
The mornings I miss, but I don't really miss the voices
You've got a choice, I've got the hands
Skeletons and plans, you've got to let 'em go

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