

What You Take & What You Leave Behind

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Between the clear as day and the wonderfully oblique
'Tween the dross in your veins and the treasure you still
seek
The span of years that reaches here to the skies
What you take and what you leave behind

Between what you've seen and what your lips can tell
Between the stuff if the holy and the hard sell
It occurs to you it was all gentle on your mind
What you take and what you leave behind

Between the counterfeit & the mother of all pearls
Just beneath the skin of this tired old weary world
Honey, that kiss of yours that opened up my eyes
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