

# 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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