

# What Do You Hear In These Sounds

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I don't go to therapy to find out if I'm a freak  
I go and I find the one and only answer every week  
And it's just me and all the memories to follow  
Down any course that fits within a fifty minute hour  
And we fathom all the mysteries, explicit and inherent  
When I hit a rut, she says to try the other parent  
And she's so kind, I think she wants to tell me something,  
But she knows that its much better if I get it for myself  
And she says

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I say I hear a doubt, with the voice of true believing  
And the promises to stay, and the footsteps that are leaving  
And she says "Oh," I say, "What?" she says, "Exactly,"  
I say, "What, you think I'm angry  
Does that mean you think I'm angry?"  
She says "Look, you come here every week  
With jigsaw pieces of your past  
Its all on little soundbites and voices out of photographs  
And that's all yours, that's the guide, that's the map  
So tell me, where does the arrow point to?  
Who invented roses?"  
And

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And when I talk about therapy, I know what people think  
That it only makes you selfish and in love with your shrink  
But oh how I loved everybody else  
When I finally got to talk so much about myself

And I wake up and I ask myself what state I'm in  
And I say well I'm lucky, 'cause I am like East Berlin  
I had this wall and what I knew of the free world  
Was that I could see their fireworks  
And I could hear their radio  
And I thought that if we met, I would only start confessing  
And they'd know that I was scared  
They'd would know that I was guessing  
But the wall came down and there they stood before me  
With their stumbling and their mumbling  
And their calling out just like me, and

The stories that nobody hears, and  
I collect these sounds in my ears, and  
That's what I hear in these sounds, and  
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