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Contemplating just who I could've turned out to be If I stayed there with her, what would amount to me? If I looked and ain't found what I have founded me? I mean, it's hard, but they loved me, never looked down on me They say, "You know if you loved her Well then you would have stayed You could have made a perfect pair that people wouldn't trade" Trade for nothing, I did though, I had to chase it Face it, I wasn't born to live a life basic They say, "you turned your back on us just to go and be an artist What's a promise anyway when someone breaks it? I bet he finally gets a shot and then he wastes it I bet he don't come back for us when he makes it And if he do it be too late, you gotta face it Cause by then there's someone new you've been replaced with" Old friends I grew up with, the girl I fell in love with Love or hate me depending on how you judge it

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I had to wander, I had to go tread my own path If you don't step through no mud well then it won't last The years pass it's crazy how they go fast Ask myself questions that you have but you won't ask Like, "you don't even come home enough Where were you when she was in the hospital, huh? It was only us," and that's deep and yeah I know it cuts But if it gets you, then you're weak Because we were here and it ain't broken us Still as close and stayed by her side when no one was Like when she lost her job and everything, how broke we was When she was sick and she needed some taking care of A fifteen year old shouldered the weight And when he was scared of The worst, I know that you stayed strong Don't say this enough But you made me just as proud as you made Mom Yeah, you got some anger but I don't blame you at all I know I don't call, but you're my brother, I love you

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In that first grade class they came and got me "Your mom's outside, say goodbye now to everybody" U-Haul was waiting with all of her things At least what she could pack In the time my dad's at work and before he came back Way to young to comprehend what was happening "Are we going to grandma's? When are we coming back again?" Little did I know that we were leaving him by himself And ten years would pass before Mom sees anybody else Just us, in middle school I ain't understand Who Melissa was and why she wasn't another man Biased and confused they try to explain but nobody can Wanted what I thought was normal, she had another plan Such is life, even if it took time for me to accept it No longer Dad now, but a woman with whom she slept with Or for the years when a secret was how she kept it I ain't get it, admittedly I was skeptic I came around, happiness I see's what you may have found And that's what's most important I don't wanna see you breaking down I wanna see you smile, I don't wanna see you make a frown If she loves you, then that's all anybody needs maybe now By '05 things had gotten worse Moved to the basement, deep depressions a rotten curse Hiding in a dark space, her mind and her body hurts Becoming more reclusive and the pills should have been alerts So the worse it got, I became more and more afraid Until one night, I went into that room, on the floor she laid I shook her she was blue, her skin was cold, she wasn't breathing Screamed, "Melissa wake up" couldn't fathom that she was leaving Mom and Bro was running down, I screamed "somebody help" Try pumping her chest, CPR, but it didn't help Toughest pill to swallow, but we lost, that's forced reflection While in her life you made her happy, thank you for the blessing

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