

## Save Yourself

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You couldn't get what you were after  
After all was said and done  
Amid the echoes of the screams and the laughter  
Cracking the blinds to the noonday sun  
Running out of room, tugging at the tether  
Old desires on the closet shelf  
You read between the lines until the lines ran  
together  
Somehow had to save yourself

'Cause it don't come back once it's gone  
Now you wonder why you had to wait so long  
Wasn't no sense being where you don't belong  
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Now your bad boy runs you ragged  
But the nice guy bores you flat to tears  
He sends you flowers and birthday cards  
He tries so hard and he's out of here  
'Cause it's all you can handle just to stay okay  
You don't need nobody's pain  
You've got no room for baggage  
Passengers must now de-plane

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Your new job keeps you busy  
The old car runs alright  
The hot wind off the concrete  
Sometimes keeps you up at night  
The lights go off in the building  
And you're sitting there alone  
'Cause the girls and boys you run with  
Have all up and gone home  
So you're sifting through the ashes  
Getting way down dark and deep  
You've got your life all figured out  
But you still don't get much sleep

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