## Glasses

## **Jonathan Coulton**

Shed the days like skin Pray for evenings in Hold their hands in the street when you walk them off to school A box too full to shut Cardboard paper cut Bleeding edge of a picture of your parents when they were cool

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Shovels in the sand A playdough wedding band A drowning princess in a tangle of towels on the floor An old familiar ache The little pills we take The thoughtless kindness of a coffee cup waiting by the door

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It's on the board Someone's been double-booking I've got time How is your next week looking?

House shifts into place A little breathing space The radiators and the floorboards will argue while we sleep There's water in the walls The stairs make waterfalls Down in the basement the soft sound of a river digging deep

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