

## Wake Me At Sunset

Light This City

A flash brighter than lightning overhead,  
But my town is asleep  
So they don't see my father coming home  
I imagine him walking in the middle of this night  
All the way back to us  
He likes to look up at the sky as he  
Steps out onto familiar ground,  
Now he's rounding our corner  
Now he's walking through the door  
He's walking through the door

And my mother with her deadened eyes,  
She comes alive

"Don't go" I plead even though I know  
His strong love for us both won't keep him from the sky  
I know it tears him up inside to say  
"It's only one more time"  
He knows it's just a lie  
He wants to believe

"I need  
The stars flying by me,  
The earth afloat above, or below, it doesn't matter  
where,  
Just as long as it isn't right here

I'll be back before you know it and then  
I promise you  
I'll be home for good"  
"Let me go with you" I have begged ever since I was a  
child  
I know just what he's going to say:  
"I don't want you to end up like me,  
Aching between  
The mystery of new planets to be explored  
And the comfort of this ancient discovery beneath our  
feet.

You'll struggle to give up that which you love  
And it's not easy  
Son, just please promise me  
You won't become like me."

I just nod and let go even though I know  
His strong love for us both won't keep him from the sky  
I know it tears him up inside to say  
"It's only one more time"

A flash as bright as a rocket ship exploding,  
But my town is asleep  
So they don't see my father die.  
I imagine him falling into the sun  
And I look up at the sky.  
"If only you would have stayed this time"  
Now he's rounding the corner  
Now he's walking through the door

Please, just walk through that door.

You'll just disappoint your family  
Every time you leave

You never kept your promise,  
So I'm not keeping mine  
Wake me at sunset  
So I can say goodbye.