## **Elysium**

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I don't really know how I got here this time I was only just following orders Listening to the voice in my mind Saying steer clear of margins and borders

So I wasn't thinking of where we would go On a could afternoon through the mountains we drove Up a few hairpin turns and then spread out below The valley appeared with the sun like Elysium

I looked out the window and stared at the fields Where the blue sky and green were colliding I looked back at you and I knew we were sealed By a fate that has ways of providing

Yes, sometimes you get there in spite of the route Losing track of your life and what it's about The road seems to know when to straighten right out The closer you come to Elysium

They say there's a place for those who are good With it's pearly gates swinging wide open The rest of us here are just knocking on wood Quietly, piously hoping

I could wonder if all of it led me to you I could show you the arrows and circles I drew I didn't have a map, it's the best I could do On the fly and on the run

To dreams that were tethered like kites to the ground To the bridges I burned, to then turning around It was here in your heart I was finally found And the last battle won for Elysium