

The Shelter Of Storms

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You always had the gift of speed
You'd disappear without a trace
It all depended on the need
And on the pain you could not face

So you would leave the home you'd found
Pack it up without delay
Cut your losses, blow that town
And tomorrow was another day

All the years and all the miles
They lost track of time
I look back now only once in a while
My memory just wants to blur the lines
'Cause you know me, I just can't change

I greet the sun, and find it strange
To watch you run
For the shelter of storms
For the shelter of storms

Now where are you out in the world
Searching for a little grace
Searching for a precious pearl
Wisdom from some future place

You let me go without a wave
I noticed that and nothing more
I guess I'm going to my grave
Wondering what it all was for

All the years and all the miles
It's so hard keeping track of time
Do you think of me every once in a while
When the rain lets up and the sun can shine
Just a little peace and quiet for a change

I still greet the sun and find it strange
To watch you run
For the shelter of storms
For the shelter of storms

Go back the years, subtract the miles
And see what's left for you to find
All the battles, all the trials
You can't be free till you leave behind
Your bitter heart, but you can't change

You curse the sun, and pray for rain
And always run
For the shelter of storms
For the shelter of storms