Valerie

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To the east the factories stand Like fire-breathing dragons against the sky And from their throats a scarlet river Burns itself into smoky lullabies Over neon and fluorescent skies

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16 days since I left Corona And I traveled to this carnival town near Alberndeel And I rode the coaster there on the fairground Twisted backbone of a beast that never heals And I left some skin on fortune's wheel

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Everything's in slow motion now In this little border town I've come so close from so far Just to hide behind these windows here From the world outside I watch those cars and trucks raise trails of dust Down the road as they pass by

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