## **Staring Down the Barrel of the Middle Distance**

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Now the hope for the future took a pounding in the parking lot
And the answer for today is all I got
When your name is called the lights went down
The time is the essence excuse me and I'm
Blinking at the vanishing point of what I thought

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I greet despair to a standard prayer
If you call for the future I don't care
And I don't mean \*\*\* to face me here aha
There's a compass raised with familiar tone
With a voice that needles me to the bone

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Whose position shifts cause its been effect If you can't hit play cause the button sticks Ignorance is bliss, I can't say There's a compass raised with familiar tone With a voice that needles you to the bone You're left with chaos, static and delay

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I close my eyes I close my eyes

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