

# If Only for Memories

## Streetlight Manifesto

When you were born you were not alone  
Nothing was carved into the stone quite yet  
But don't forget you heard someone say it won't get better than this  
That was the sound of your father  
As he held you up to your mother  
No one will ever know a love as pure as the one that you felt right then

They held you up  
They held you up  
And everybody else they fell to the wayside  
This is the start; the beginning  
A prologue to the yarn that you're spinning  
A million synonyms  
Will never come close to describe the feeling

Don't ever leave  
'Cause if you do, dear  
I guarantee that you'll regret the day you did  
And you'll miss all the simple things  
And you'll see everything you ever loved  
Start fading til' there's nothing left but dust

And I believe  
That every broken bone is meant to be  
And when it heals it will be stronger than it was before

And I see  
The things that I pretend that I don't see  
And I store them in my head, love  
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So now you're young and you feel alone  
Despite friends, family, and all the good things now surrounding you  
You can't help thinking: "Oh there's gotta be some more to do"

When all the things that you cherish  
Turn in to burdens and there is  
No other path to take  
You know what you gotta do  
But you don't know how

They hold you back  
They hold you down  
And you kinda' feel bad but you know that you gotta get out  
This is your pain your dilemma  
Do you stay in the town where they raised ya  
Or will you sail away  
Pull the anchor and go headed for the come what may

You have to leave  
'Cause if you don't, dear  
You'll never see the things you read about in books  
You saw the films and you were hooked  
But everything you want won't come to you  
You realize now that you've gotta go see this through

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