Lovely Thing Suite: Theories

Arthur stepped off, yeah he stepped offa the chair Couldn't weigh a hundred forty pounds And the rope snapped yeah the rope snapped And then Arthur found himself looking up from the ground Looking up, looking up, found things looking up Looking up, looking not so down, no not so down No knots don't have to stay that way No, not so tightly wound

What a lovely thing it is to fail To release those grasping fingernails Arthur thought the end was near Then Arthur played for fifty years And then my father walked down 8th and 57th street to

Carnegie Hall, yeah it was Carnegie Hill The show was past sold out for weeks But they said "if you don't mind, if you don't mind sitting on stage Sometimes we release a couple seats" Twenty feet, twenty feet, yeah my dad's twenty three Tweet feet from the hands on the keys Yeah, the hands on the keys of a man with the hands that almost didn't exist That almost didn't exist to see

Back in 97 when Dad was my chauffeur He'd play radio and I'd try to guess the composer Chopin sprinkled over the hum of the motor When I was young never I'd doubt my composure Everything's kosher, man I was so sure I'd say that I'm good Don't want no adulthood I never understood Couldn't get how anyone would ever want to end to their life Until the day that I could I've heard it said we're alone in the ether That we're the only intelligent creatures So you don't need to adjust your receivers If they were out there they'd be texting us, hitting our beepers Invading us on some alien Julius Caesar Or begging "take me to your leader" But I got a theory it's neither That there's a billion brilliant alien planets at leisure Smoking alien reefer The evolution of the mind's not the hunger to conquer Or to want or to seek or to wander Or even wonder, but to simply to be Until we cease to be any longer There's nothing wrong with heavy eyelids I hope you enjoyed my twenties as much as I did You'll never know how much that all of you provided And I'm gonna try to do the same for