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"Are You There?"

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MATT

Do you know-well, of course you do-
What it's like to stand outside?
To watch the world and wish
You didn't hurt so much, you cried
I know I'm not the only one
And I know I shouldn't care
But when I feel these things are real
I wish I felt you there
And if I did, I'd ask you
How come life is so unfair?

PETER

Do you know-well, of course you do-
What it's like to be afraid?
That nothing will become
Of all the plans that you have made?
So I watch the girls surround him
And he says it's just a game
I guess that I believe him
But it hurts me just the same
And I'm all about this stupid act
So who am I to blame?

BOTH

Are you there? Are you there?
Do you watch me when I cry?
And if it's in your power,
How can you sit idly by?
I try so hard to please you
But you never seem to see

MATT

Is it my fate to sit and wait?

PETER

Wonder what my struggle means

MATT

I wish I knew that someone out there cared

PETER
Are you there?

BOTH
Cared for me

MATT
Who's out there?

PETER
Matt?

MATT
Yeah!
Are you all right?

PETER
I'm fine

MATT
Here, have some wine

PETER
This is holy wine!

MATT
The Father hasn't blessed it yet

PETER
In that caseâ€¦!

MATT
Grab a chalice

PETER
Thanks.
Life sucksâ€¦!

MATT
Here, have the rest
So why'd you leave?

PETER
The party?

MATT
Yeah

PETER
I was getting kind of bored

MATT
[Laugh] Oh, me too!

PETER
There's another reasonâ€¦

MATT
Yeah?

PETER
It sucks to be ignored

MATT
I know!
I always fight to do what's right, and this is my reward

PETER
This is my reward

BOTH
Are you there? Are you there?
Can you make some time for me?
They tell me that you're out there
And they tell me that you see
I try to find the meaning
God, you know how hard I've tried
But I don't know where I'm going
And I don't have any guide

MATT
They said things would get better
But I guessâ€¦they lied

PETER
Are you there?
He needs to give me more!

MATT
I'll drink to that!

PETER
Who cares if people think we're fine?
We've been through this before!
One day he'll wake up
And realize all he needs is me
Until then, God, I wish I knew
I need a guarantee

MATT
I need to know for sure that you'll be there

PETER
Send a sign so that I know you're there

BOTH
There for me

PETER
Send a sign so that I know you're there

MATT
Send a sign so that I know you're there

BOTH
There for me

MATT
Who's leading?

PETER
I don't know.

MATT
Well, who usually leads?

[Peter whispers in Matt's ear]

MATT
I'm going to bed
Catch you later, okay?

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