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"Words By Heart"

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I went through the closet back in my old home
Found a letterman's jacket so I slipped it on
Deep in the pocket still folded up tight
Was the letter you wrote to tell me goodbye

The minute I saw it I just had to smile
It smelled like old leather as smooth as a child
I took a deep breath then put it away
There was no need to read it I knew just what it would
say

I know the words by heart, I know every line
From this ain't easy to you'll get along just fine
I know every comma, every question mark
No I don't have to look I know the words by heart

Seems like home movies flash through my head
The homecoming game, that night on my bed
The words that you wrote still cut me in two
How you said you still cared but that we were through

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Ain't it funny how a memory can play tricks on your
mind
I don't remember a thing from my classes but I can
quote you every line

I took off my jacket and put it away
With your note in the pocket like I found it that day
Poured me a beer then pictured your face
And drank a silent toast to things that time can't erase

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