Gordon Lightfoot "Apology"

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I remember everything
I've learned about survival
I've walked with fools and kings
And I've even read the bible

There I came upon some lines Givin' me direction Gather not your gold on earth Your kingdom is in heaven

But I chose to live instead Inside the shell they gave me 'til in spite of everything Good fortune came to find me

I tried my best to run away
But I could not avoid the feelin'
Soon I was reelin' on my feet
I made a grab at anything
The earth was gone and I was on
A vicious circle then

After I'd gone and let myself surrender I didn't want to die at all I thought I'd live forever

Then she gave me everything A king could never borrow But I twisted all her gifts Her wisdom was my sorrow

So I left her cryin' And roamed across the river The angels offered me their hands But I could not forget her

So I came to where she was By river, road and reason I slept beneath her window In the moonlight summer season

But I could not go inside

I heard the sound of laughter
And the rustle of her hair upon his skin
I made a grab at anything
The earth was gone and I was on
A vicious circle then

After I'd gone to cry down my sorrow I didn't want to live no more Nor face the bright tomorrow

Then I remembered everything I've learned about survival Havin' walked with fools and kings I've even read the bible

I remember all those lines Givin' me direction Gather not your gold on earth It will not pass inspection

And still I think when I'm alone Away from all night splendor If gold could buy one night with her I wish I had some to send her

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