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## **Bright Eyes** "Cleanse Song"

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Hear the chimes, did you know that the wind, when it blows

It is older than Rome and all of this sorrow See the new pyramids, down in old Manhattan From the roof of a friend's, I watched an empire ending Heard it loud and long, the river's Om Time marching on to a madman's drum

Don't forget what you've learned, all you give is returned

And if life seems absurd, what you need is some laughter

And a season to sleep and a place to get clean Maybe Los Angeles, somewhere no one's expecting

On a detox loft, through a Glendale Park, over sidewalk chalk

Someone wrote in red, "Start over"

So I muffled my scream on an Oxnard beach Full of fever dreams that scare you sober into salt-less dinners

Take the fruit from the tree, break the skin with your teeth

Is it bitter or sweet? All depends on your timing Like a meeting of chance with the train station glance Many lifetimes had past

In a instant, reminded of a millstone house In a seaside town when your heart gave out in a mission bed So your wife gave birth to a funeral dirge As you woke up purged as a wailing infant In Krug Thep, Thailand

Hear the chimes, did you know that the wind, when it blows It is older than Rome and our joy and our sorrow

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