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"Song For Adam"

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Though Adam was a friend of mine, I did not know him
well
He was alone into his distance, he was deep into his
well
I could guess what he was laughing at, but I couldn't
really tell
Now the story's told that Adam jumped, but I've been
thinking that he fell

Together we went traveling as we received the call
His destination India and I had none at all
Well, I still remember laughing with our backs against
the wall
So free of fear, we never thought that one of us might
fall

I sit before my only candle but it's so little light to find
my way
Now this story unfolds before my candle
Which is shorter every hour as it reaches for the day
But I feel just like a candle in the way
I guess I'll get there, but I wouldn't say for sure

When we parted we were laughing still, as our
goodbyes were said
And I never heard from him again as each our lives we
led
Except for once in someone else's letter that I read
Until I heard the sudden word that a friend of mine was
dead

I sit before my only candle like a pilgrim sits beside the
way
Now this journey appears before my candle
As a song that's growing fainter the harder that I play
That I fear before I end I'll fade away
But I guess I'll get there, though I wouldn't say for sure

Though Adam was a friend of mine, I did not know him
long
And when I stood myself beside him, I never thought I
was as strong

Still it seems he stopped his singing in the middle of
his song
Well, I'm not the one to say I know, but I'm hoping he
was wrong

I'm holding out my only candle, though it's so little light
to find my way
Now this story's been laid beneath my candle
And it's shorter every hour as it reaches for the day
Yes, I feel just like a candle in the way
I hope I'll get there but I never pray

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