

Josh Ritter

"Hopeful"

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Supposedly it was a wise wise man
Who said it's better to have loved and lost
Than never to have loved at all
Than never to have loved

How many times does the truth you take to be true
Just truth falling apart at the same speed as you
'Til it all comes away at a million degrees
And you're just a few pieces of fallen debris

And she's hopeful
Hopeful for me
I'm coming out of the dark clouds

And she went away and she packed all her love and
I could not believe it how little there was and
I stood in the cold kitchen with nothing to say
Who'd keep the whole world spinning when she went
away

She kept telling me about the good things I deserved
That I wanted somebody I'd mistaken for her
But one look in my eyes and she'd know she was wrong
So she wouldn't look back at me until she was gone

How many times did you give all your love and
Find out it was so far from far from enough
I followed her out into the street in the rain
And the whole world stopped spinning and just went up
in flames

And she's hopeful
Hopeful for me
Coming out of the dark clouds

And she's hopeful
Hopeful for me
She says it to me often

The sunlight corroded and the day started to fail
The rocks in the road sharpened shadows to nails

The fence posts were empty and so were the trees
And the bluebird of you(?) sung it's last tune for me

I've seen here around now with someone new I don't
know

She likes green eyed boys who are haloed in hope
But I know the look in his eyes and I know all the old
signs

It's just a couple more curves before his own road
unwinds

These days I'm feeling better about the man that I am
There's some things I can change and there's others I
can't

I met someone knew now I know I deserve
I never met someone loves the world more than her

She's been through her own share of hard times as well
And she's learned how to tear out the heaven from hell
Most nights I'm alright still all rocks roll downhill
But she says I'll get better, she knows that I will

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Hopeful for me
Coming out of the dark clouds
(Repeats)

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