

## Light This City "Wake Me At Sunset"

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A flash brighter than lightning overhead,  
But my town is asleep  
So they don't see my father coming home.  
I imagine him walking in the middle of this night  
All the way back to us.  
He likes to look up at the sky as he  
Steps out onto familiar ground.  
Now he's rounding our corner,  
Now he's walking through the door,  
He's walking through the door.

And my mother with her deadened eyes,  
She comes alive.

"Don't go," I plead even though I know  
I know his strong love for us both  
Won't keep him from the sky.  
I know it tears him up inside to say,  
"It's only one more time."  
He knows it's just a lie he wants to believe.  
"I need the stars flying by me,  
The earth afloat, above or below, it doesn't matter  
where,  
Just as long as it isn't right here.

I'll be back before you know it and then  
I promise you I'll be home for good"

"Let me go with you" I have begged ever since I was a  
child  
I know just what he's going to say:

"I don't want you to end up like me,  
Aching between the mystery of new planets to be  
explored  
And the comfort of this ancient discovery beneath our  
feet.  
You'll struggle to give up that which you love  
And it's not easy.  
Son, just please promise me you won't become like  
me."

I just nod and let go even though I know  
I know his strong love for us both  
Won't keep him from the sky.  
I know it tears him up inside to say,  
"It's only one more time."

A flash as bright as a rocket ship exploding,  
But my town is asleep  
So they don't see my father die.  
I imagine him falling into the sun  
And I look up at the sky.  
"If only you would have stayed this time."  
Now he's rounding the corner,  
Now he's walking through the door,  
Please, just walk through that door.

When I asked him how many ways  
One could die in space, he said "a million.  
They call them traveling graves.  
If they can't find you, then they can't bury you."  
Imagine how it feels to envy the stars and  
Resent the sun  
Morning won't ever be the same.

You never kept your promise, so I'm not keeping mine  
Wake me at sunset so I can say goodbye.

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