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Mason Jennings "Pittsburgh"

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My mom'd give me twenty and say stay out till dawn When her boyfriend was over and they wanted me gone

I would walk through the woods to the old graveyard And roll my own tops and think two kind of a thoughts

Are we high enough to clear these trees? I don't know

That was the summer dave's girlfriend OD'ed She died in the bathroom at a party down the street I went to see him the next night, he had a new tattoo He was watching home movies of her His face was wet, he looked so confused

They had a funeral for her The preacher said she was with the Lord There were lots of pictures of her Taped to a poster board

Are we high enough to clear these trees? I don't know Are we high enough to clear this place? I don't know

Grocery stores in the middle of the night shine their own kinda light High school halls and shopping malls never fit me right But my heart would swing free like a lasso from my hand When I'd hear that sound and put the pedal down

I wound up that fall in a hospital On the suicide wing with a lot of people thinkin' one thing

They had a sign on the wall that said no touching at all There were screams in the dark, nurses running down the hall

On the night that I got there they showered me and searched me hard Then they took me to my little room overlooking a

graveyard When I opened my eyes I was strapped to the bed There was a needle in my arm, part of me was gone

Then they took us outside in our slippers and gowns To play basketball on the blacktop, the ball just bounced till it stopped

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When the leaves were wet behind the old duplex We used to run at night naked through the trees And you would lean back against me and I would try to stay soft We'd listen to the engines as the planes took off

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