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"The Blessings"

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If you're gonna get your heart broke, you better do it
just right
It's gotta be raining and you gotta move your stuff that
night
And the only friend you can reach isn't a good friend at
all
And you know when he says, "Now who dumped who?"
That you never should have made that call

I had the blessings, there's nobody there, there's
nobody home
Yeah the blessings, at the moment I was most alone
And aimless as a full time fool, the joke was on me
I got all those birds flying off of that tree, that's a
blessing

And the blessings were like poets that we never find
time to know
But when time stopped I found the place where the
poets go
And I said, "Here have some coffee, it's straight, black
and very old"
And they gave me sticks and rocks and stars and all
that I could hold

I had the blessings, a moment of peace even when the
night ends
Yeah the blessings, can we meet? Can we meet again?
At the crossroads of disaster and the imperfect smile
With the angel in the street lamp
That blinks on as I walk on a mile, the blessings

And the best ones were the ones I got to keep as I grew
strong
And the days that opened up until my whole life could
belong
It's like getting the answers, when I don't need them
anymore
I'm finding the pictures and I finally know what I kept
them for
I remember, I can see them, see them smiling, see
them stuck

See them try, I wish them luck and all the blessings

I was fast asleep at three in the morning when I got the
pay phone call

And she said, "Did I wake you up" I said, "Hey, no, not
at all"

And she said, "I got this suitcase and I don't know what
to pack"

And I said, "You can take anything you want, just wait
and see

It's not a release, it's not a reward, it's the blessings
It's the gift of what you notice more"

And I walked out and I watched her kick the big pile of
the night

And we sat down and we waited for that strange and
empty light

Yeah the blessings

See them smiling, see them stuck

See them try, I wish them luck and all the blessings

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