

## **Astronautalis**

### **"The River, the Woods"**

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Wherever we go, we'll never be lost  
Some follow the compass rose, some Follow the cross  
Me, I follow roads compulsively till sirens call me off  
Then I wander, eyes closed, following song

The river's a hymnal and the leaves are applause  
Trees sing in whispers with the wind pulling their arms  
Hold still and listen, your hand on my heart  
If you need them these beacons will lead you back to  
the start, yup

No axe has seen these woods since before your father  
stood  
The path is beaten good from the feet of all who  
wandered through it  
Old growth holds hope, let the brambles scrape your  
skin  
Scars are story books, blood will wash away your sins

Now let that sun slip, then let that moon rise  
Follow in no footsteps, listen for the true guides  
Woods will play tricks upon pretty blue eyes  
Is that glimmer the river or your village finally brought  
back to life?

Follow me tonight  
I'll show you what it's like  
To be alive

I know, it seems like we're all lost  
But we see the secrets, we know the unknown  
Know the unknown, know the unknown

Keep close, hold my hand girl, just be strong  
We can follow this river right back to your home  
Back to your home, back to your home

At a palace in Versailles, 400 years before this  
They were packing up supplies, preparing for a long  
trip  
They may not survive, many of them know this  
But they would rather die than to leave the questions

open

So this is why we try, we bet it all on hopeless  
And swim against the tide until our every bone is  
broken  
A sinking ship is still a ship till the captain spoke the  
obit  
Till the crew has flew and crow's nest slips silent  
beneath the ocean

We set sail without an anchor, we count upon that never  
stop  
An anchor's just a coffin nail waiting for the hammer  
drop  
It holds you by the ankles till it pulls you to the Acheron  
Trade stable to be able to slip out under devil's thumb

Keep your acres, my home is where my hat is hung  
On postcard printed paper and love notes from the  
lattice rungs  
Blessed are the vagrant, the lonely are the static ones  
It's every drifter's confirmation, this world is just  
ravishing

I know, it seems like we're all lost  
We can follow this river right back to your home  
River back home, river back home

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