

Stornoway

"The Bigger Picture"

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You may have seen the thread of silver on the window
in the bathroom
That was thicker than the thread your heart was
hanging from
You may have seen the lid of darkness clamping down
upon a sunset
No less tightly than your heart was beating strong

In the bigger picture, there's a thread thirteen times
thinner
In the bigger picture, there's a lid fourteen times
tighter
In the bigger picture, there's a night fifteen times
darker
And it'll hold you like no other, in the bigger picture...

You may have seen the first star flickering in the park
one summer evening
No less faintly than the dream that you were wishing on
You may have seen the seagull circling on the haze
above the factory
With more purpose than the course your life was on

But if you haven't seen the places you have come from
Then you haven't seen how far you have come

In the bigger picture, there's a star sixteen times
fainter
In the bigger picture, there's a course seventeen times
straighter
In the bigger picture, there's a dream eighteen times
greater
And it'll steer you like no other, in the bigger picture...

You may have seen the blazing bonfire burning bright
with fickle beauty
That was turned to lifeless ashes in the morning
You may have seen the single snowdrop where it
shivered in the graveyard
No less fragile than the soul to which you cling

But if you haven't seen the people you have come from
Then you haven't seen the person you've become

In the bigger picture, there's no answer to your prayers
In the bigger picture, but there's a billion other fires
In the bigger picture, you'll learn how to build yours
higher
When you've seen the savage wonder in the bigger
picture...

In the bigger picture, there's a sea breeze three times
fresher
And it'll make your two eyes water, in the bigger
picture...

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