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Divine Comedy, The "Don't Look Down"

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"Birds and planes go
Through the rainbow
Every day, though
You simply refuse
Old-fashioned Ferris Wheels
Are no big deal
They're just big wheels with chairs
So don't be scared,
Just set yourself free"

She tells me it's alright
To open up my eyes,
She holds onto my hand
And the clouds float by
The couple in the car below
They wave to us and say hello
I think they understand
The way we're feeling

I don't need to say 'I love you'
When we're floating
So far up above
Everyone else's lives
Are intertwined
With yours and mine
I hope
They find the joy
That we have found

She tells me it's alright
To open up my eyes
She holds onto my hand
And the clouds race by
The couple in the car above,
I suppose, they think
That we're in love
I think they might be right

And, without warning, when we're almost at the top, The wheel that turns us all comes to a sudden stop, The wind that's blown us

Dies a quick and painless death, The air gets clammy And we hold each other's breath, We get the feeling that we're not alone in this, And then a God, who really ought not to exist, Sticks out a great big hand, And grabs me by the wrist, And asks me "Why?" and I say "Well, God, it's like this: It may be arrogance Or just appalling taste, But I'd rather use my pain Than let it all go to waste On some old god Who tells me what I want to hear, As if I cannot tell obedience from fear; I want to take my pleasures Where and how I will, Be they disgraceful or distasteful or distilled, And, to be frank, I find that life has more appeal Without a driver who's asleep behind the wheel"

Then God decides that he has taken quite enough Of all this atheistic tosh I'm spouting off, And so he calls upon his favorite angel choir To sing of times
When men were filled with christian fire, But overzealous angels
Flap their wings too fast
And cause the wind to blow
And turn the wheel at last,
And soon my feet
Are safely back on solid ground,
And then I hear a voice say
"Don't look down!".

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