

## **Ted Leo & The Pharmacists**

### **"The Crane Takes Flight"**

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oceans lay between us and the things we think we  
need,  
but i've known many who would gladly swim to get to  
where you are.  
always more together than the ones you think are  
better off,  
but darling, o one's made it half as far.  
and it's so hard.  
and i know how hard.  
and i know how hard to pursue,  
when you're just not breaking through,  
but don't you let them tell you that you're wrong.  
you're either thinning like helm  
but you're still overwhelmed by all the painting left to  
do.  
everything's calm in the half-light of dawn  
but the morning will bring no peace,  
'coz you'll never be done with the work you've begun,  
even in moments of relief.  
grapling with time  
and the mercury line as the afternoon sun gets hot  
and you'll always be far from the things that you are  
'coz there's so much that you're not.  
so move it around, check your depth with a sounding,  
your map reference against the stars.  
and your work and your home,  
like your clothes, are your own, like your skin and like  
your scars.  
i told you they've had power all along,  
so dont you let you tell you that you're wrong.

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