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"Giant Clock"

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You always slept on the left side of the bed
Next to the giant clock so you could see what time it
read
Beside it sat what you removed each night from off
your head
That covered what the doctor said would surely leave
you dead

I was just a boy of seven, by brother barely four
My mother never showed her fear or shared the load
she bore
You were making deals with the devil and the lord
Or anyone who would listen who could give you five
years more

You said please, please, please lord knows I ask not for
me
Cause I'm not scared of dying, though I love the life I
lead
It's just that if I go who will coach my sons' baseball
teams
Who will teach them how to give a woman what she
needs
Stay up discussing God and science when everyone's
asleep
Tell them to move their feet on defense, use their body
not their hands
Yes who will show them how to be a man

In my past life I believe I must have been a saint
To have been raised by you this time around and that
you weren't taken away
Cause now I can shoot a jump shot, hold my own in a
debate
We grew up strong and humble, that you somehow
cheated fate
She had the love that she deserved and the family that
she made

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