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"Across From Midnight"

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It's come down to just the two of us
Me and my shadow on the wall
Radio playing softly
Somewhere down the hall

And over in the next room
The hollow sound of a cigarette cough
Oh, I'm sitting across from midnight
And morning's a long way off

There's a fire in a trash can
In the alley below
The down and outers gather 'round
Sipping wine and talking low

We're companions of the night time
We've got no place to go, oh no
Just sitting across from midnight
Time dragging by too slow

You can feel the night when you're all alone
There's comfort in the room
You keep hanging on
You wait until the dawn

The skeletons in the closet
March around like a platoon
I guess it's too much to ask for
I need some breathing room

And the tall city buildings
They cover up the moon, can't see it
I'm sitting across from midnight
And morning can't come too soon

Oh, the early morning hours
Bring out the darkness of your thoughts
And you're sitting across from midnight
Morning's a long way off

