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Mountain Goats, The "Source Decay"

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once a week i make the drive to the Austen post office box I take the detour through our old neighborhood see all the Chevy Impalas in their frontyards up on blocks and I park in an alley and I read through the postcards you continue to send where as indirectly as you can you ask what I remember I like these torture devices from my old best friend well I'll tell you what I know like I swore I always would I don't think it's going to do you any good

I remember the train heading south out of Bangkok down toward the water

I always get a late starte when the sun's going down and the traffic's thinning out and the glare is hard to take I wish the West Texas highway was a mobius strip I could ride it out forever when I feel my heart break I almost swear I hear it happen it's that clear and that hard I come in off the highway and I park in my front yard I fall out of the car like a hostage from a plane think of you a while start wishing it would rain

and I remember the train headed south out of Bangkok down toward the water

I come into the house put on a pot of coffee walk the floors a little while I set your postcard on a table with all the others like it I start sorting through the pile I check the pictures and the postmarks and the captions and the stamps for signs of any pattern at all when I come up empty handed the feeling almost overwhelms me I let a few of my defenses fall and I smile a bitter smile it's not a pretty thing to see I think about a railroad platform back in 1983

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