

PROVIDENCE

What's on television
Just another hallucination

We've got the volume at forty-five
To make the weather sound better

There's a place where Zeppelin's always on
But we don't take the lyrics too seriously

Like Conrad's mom
And there's always a haircut

You don't understand
Donald Sutherland's voice

Ted Berrigan's Providence
The slant of the sleet

The grit of the street
Where there's a Dunkin' Donuts

On every corner
And then something changed

And everyone turned on the radio
Turned off the lights

And I wonder where you are
Where Huey's at

SPENT

Spent the first half of the day
Clearing up the second half
Of yesterday

Spent the second half of the day
Cleaning up for tomorrow
In the future

Like they say

I REMEMBER SOMETHING YOU ONCE TOLD ME

Was it something I said?
Maybe something like
When I think about you
I quote myself

My father always said
Put it in writing
But he isn't much of a writer
You were saying something

About the Rolling Stones
And I was holding the bag
Not insincere but just
Totally bungled because

History is mosaic and hilarious
I was a little stoned
Maybe making a sunflower
Someone once said

There's always a beautiful
Someone at Juice Land
And that's pretty much true
We were just getting started

So many things are extravagant
Even a perfect spiral
Because once is an idea
You can pounce upon

Jump up and down on the iota
I almost forgot to tell you
Hold that thought about
Perspective and all the cameras

Like cinéma vérité par excellence
There's someone on the other line
They're coming down here in a cab
Someone actually said that

PRACTICE SPACE

Make a practice space
Big enough for learning

Mind is a line
A point in space

Cast a ledge
Coast off

Bottom line
Full of free refills

Before uncertainty
There was practice

Don't make any
Sudden moves

REPORTED SIGHTINGS

A small red helicopter
Disappears into the blue
And that's just one reason
I'm glad to know you

Hang gliders, hot air balloons
And sunfish on an open sea
Make me happy, just imagine
All the people

SPLIT

We were
Now we're

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