

# Telescope

Dawes

He watched the bronco leave the driveway  
The day after he turned ten  
His dad said the band's booked up through Sunday  
Ricky never saw him again  
His mother made excuses  
His brother got his wish  
Ricky just stared at the posters in his bedroom  
And started talking to his fish

And whenever he thought he could untie these knots  
He didn't get too far

The stronger the telescope  
The more stars there are

There were reports within the family  
There were rumors at his school  
Deadbeat got stuck in Calgary  
Cleaning swimming pools  
But Ricky had some questions  
He couldn't get it through his head  
How a father so drunk on his own destiny  
Could end up like this instead

The boy could feel himself get older  
With each shot in the dark

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Now Ricky's in a trailer outside Albany  
And he spends all his nights alone  
With a penchant for conspiracy  
And his take home methadone  
But he hasn't been forgotten  
His hometown speculates  
If the world had just got to him too early  
Or if it got to him too late

And the more they give each explanation  
The more it comes apart

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