

## Boy Racing

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Night  
And my nerve endings  
Coded messages they're sending  
Twitch and tingle  
Blink and twinkle  
Restless as the million stars I've counted  
Overhead tonight

Spinning  
My head and stomach  
All gravity and magnets  
Each contrary, rotating planets  
Pulling sleep away

With every hour making minutes  
Am I outside my life or in it  
And all this music  
That's making waves within it  
Can I find one song to sing it?

All the words I've strung like beads  
All the words that stung like bees to bring it  
A little fruit, a hue or two, a sign of something  
Or someone that I knew  
And this life feels like so many different lives  
I'm falling through

Night  
Dizzy night  
I can't recognise the cycle of the years  
The source of all my fear  
The source that led me here

Your boys' cologne, your beer  
The presence of our fathers ever near  
Sacred secrets you whisper in my ear

All this tonight  
As you move closer to me  
Your light will eclipse and will absorb  
The darkness that confounds my foolish all  
Place harmony where there has been discord