

# Maybe

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The first guy I know who died  
I can't remember his name  
The tenth grade started, he just never came again  
All his friends sat around and cried for a day or two

You can say what you want about immortal soul  
When that guy died it left a hole  
It was my first clue  
That when they're gone they're gone

Maybe Jesus beat that rap  
We're not sure  
Maybe you can live forever  
If your heart is pure

Or maybe you'll come back  
Some day a a king prawn  
Maybe angels come  
And take you away to heaven

Or the other way  
But from down here it appears  
That when they're gone  
They're gone

Me and Stevie Gibson used to walk home from school  
He used to have this little turn around rule  
If you turn around the one way gotta turn around  
The other way or it's bad luck

He went out rafting on the river  
The river went around and the raft went around  
And his luck got all wound up and he drowned  
And he was gone

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Two weeks after Dieter died you could call him on the phone  
And he would tell you that he's not home  
And it gave you an eerie feeling even though you knew  
It was just an answering machine

'Cause somewhere deep inside you know  
That they don't come back when they go

And he had gone  
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My mother died in intensive care  
We were sitting around singing on folding chairs  
When I got the feeling somebody wasn't there

Well I counted noses but it came out right  
The doctors said she died that night  
But I felt that hole and I knew that she had gone

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I looked up death in the dictionary one day  
Just to see what the dictionary had to say  
It's the complete and irreversible cessation of life functions

Which is not very poetic but it's precise and clean  
And if you analyze it what that means is  
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