

## First Air Of Autumn

Drive-By Truckers

First air of autumn up your nose  
popcorn, heavy hairspray, nylon pantyhose  
please stand and bow your heads and pray you don't get old

The nurture and the admonition of your kind  
the rules of only strong survive  
Cross shaped swimming pools,  
down in the blood and lifted up  
forever seeking favor from the light

Schoolhouse hallway like a prairie highway sprawls  
the drop off spins away the sun  
The getting there just proves it's nothing but a ball  
Pray the horizon never comes

The hearts of the daughters of the men,  
Won by the softness of the sons of women's hands  
To leave it up to love would leave it left to chance

Memory only shows the promise beauty broke  
of beauty ageless in it's time  
Light attracts the same, you glance away and the glory fades  
and being on your arm has lost it's shine

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The drop off spins away the sun  
Like eyes that once could cut through  
candle power on autumn nights  
First air of autumn leaves me numb