

All I Left Behind

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All I left behind should come as no surprise
To me since I fell through the black hole of your eyes
Only little things inconsequential I could say
Of all I left behind with you along the lost highway

Silver earrings in Wichita
Beaded moccasins in Tonopah
But I had you so, I just let them go

The flannel shirt I wore to keep me from the cold
When we drove from Boston all the way to Buffalo
The leather boots I bought, so many miles ago
I took them off to follow you into the Ohio

Never did my armor feel so thin
Silk was all I had between me and your skin
Like Waterloo, I lost that too

And the gold bracelet with my father's name inscribed
On the back by the one who loved him all her life
The way I too could have loved you

The Spanish shawl, I put across the broken shade
Of the lamp that lit the room that last night near Coeur d'Alene
Only little things inconsequential I could say
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Of all I left behind, all I left behind