We Needed Time

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Things rarely go as planned All the dreams that we envisioned Seemed to crumble in our hands

So suddenly alone
With my thoughts and my decisions
With the life that I have known
That will forever be changed
And I pray it's for the better
Taking what we've learned together
To finally build a better world

But we needed time to catch up
The race we started, put on pause
Slow the wheels that fast, were grinding
All the things that matter most

We needed time to let go
Of worthless things we valued wrong
To rediscover... new directions, new beginnings

There's so much we can do Since we're all in this together Let's find ways to make it through

There's something to be said
For having time to mull it over
Think about what lies ahead
Of this exceptional moment
Inconceivable and strange
Where we stop to rearrange
Where we're forced to re-examine
What we truly care for
Who we would sacrifice all for

But we needed time to catch up
The fires we started let cool down
Slow the speed that we were driving
Stop the train and just get off

We needed time to finally see
There's so much more that we can be
To reimagine... make some good news, find a new way

And when we're finally looking in our rear view mirror I hope it shows us the way forward that much clearer With our baggage much lighter Grateful, caring and wiser

But we needed time to catch up
The fights we started wind them down
Slow the rhetoric we're spouting
When we've just walked on common ground

We needed time to recognize

How easily we're all equalized

Each one of us pieces of the same thing, on the same team

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