

All I've Ever Known

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In a fifteen passenger van to Ohio
The Chrysler invention hums and blows
Warm air through the vents sends it straight to the bone
Outside it's nine below
It's a pain I've never known

I lost my heart to the great golden state
And the lanterns in little Tokyo
If the fumes don't kill you first, then the dreaming surely will
You tell me on the phone
It's a pain you've never known

I look out the window and let my mind wander
From order to the open sky
And sometimes I swear I'll just never return
But it's all I've ever known
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Will you take me as I am?
In perfect obedience to all these demands
I'm a child to the wonder but a victim of the change
When I see you again, will I know what to say?

I'm not immune to a piece of bad news
I just do what I must to move on
Give me truth but put me under so I don't feel a thing
It's the only way I know
It's the only way I know

I hear nothing, no rescue coming
Just church bells drawing out the dogs
I'm afraid that you were made by invention and odds are
I may never know
I may never know

Will you take me as I came?
In this resistance to the sound of my name
I'm a daughter to the mystery but a servant to strain
When I see you again, will I know what to say?
Will I know what to say?
Will I know what to say?

You're all I've ever known
You're all I've ever known
You're the only thing that I know
And I'm afraid of what I don't, don't know
You're all I've ever known
You're all I've ever known