Skeletree

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You can almost
Set your watch to it
The mind intuits
Every line you will
One day cross
Nearly traceable
To the vows you make
And the lines you draw

I walked right in
To that big tailspin
And couldn't unsee
What I saw
You and your
London eyes
Blue as a vein
Free and lost

Perfectly ordinary
The day I crossed
That long road
With your fast car coming

Something's got to give
Got to move, got to make it out alive
Whether or not you decide
To let the wound bleed out this time
Cut the fence, turn the phrase
The workaround won't take
You get out while it's whole
Or stay long enough to break it

Staring down that purple sun I hear your voice
But I feel no one
I put that symbol up to my eye
Did I get your love
At the cost of my mind?

Shells and bones
And waterfront homes
Are bound to wash away
In that flood
Those polluted waters
You keep holding off
And drinking from
I see you too well
To let you tell me
You're nothing but ruins your father made
We've all stood under
Those skeleton trees
Hoping for shade

Above, beside, beneath You'll find a way You'll find a way Something's got to give, got to move
Got to make it out alive
Whether or not you decide
To acknowledge it this time
Kill the sound, cut the wire
The workaround won't take
You get out while it's whole
Or stay long enough to break it

Standing too close to be sure
Who I am or who you were
But I held that infant in my arms
Did I get your love
At the price of my heart?

The gears are grinding away
And you're wasting this running water
I don't trust what you say
But I've come to lose my faith
In everyone

It's righteous as our youth and guilt It's getting harder to un-quilt I pull my body out of that crash Just banking on this feeling to pass Sometimes I can hear the river sing When the channels open up to me

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