

## Before

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I dreamed of Louisiana  
And a night in Lafayette  
We had breakfast with Susanna  
We were young and wild and left

What's different here  
Than in that dream and in reality  
Is we weren't afraid to fail in love  
And we all believed in the dream  
Before, before

I dreamed of Manhattan  
In a time before this war  
It was snowing down on Bleeker Street  
It was before you were a star

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Now everything is twilight  
It's a time too dark to see  
It's fear of being what we were  
And pondering the dream

Then I dreamed of Texas  
And the Gulf Coast shores  
I dreamed of who we used to be  
And the hope we had before

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