## **STRANGER ALIVE**

## **SPIRIT OF THE BEEHIVE**

I last heard something like a blight in the head Post keeps rolling till you read what you read And when it's all supposed to be dead Keeps falling back in my lap like an urgent request The one I left, the one I left

In the sun
I was nothing for so long
And meaning is fleeting and tired

I know anxious women with no mouth to spit in Devotion is a cancer, a stone that's falling endlessly I will walk backwards through the nascent light of empty rooms Trace a life, what a shame An elegy is wasted

But if they find you, stranger, alive The path behind you is lit from the side Somewhere beyond the passage of time