I Hope You Remember (The Things I Can't Forget)

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Walk with me into this night Keep me close, hold me tight Is this the dark before the dawn? Or just the lull before the storm?

The world is sleeping - a world on the brink The future is closer than we think

The machines are here to correct our faults Assist our living, think our thoughts No more hiding in the privacy of our minds Now, even dreams are monitored and monetised

But will conforming to this new reality Descend us into insanity?

What of the memories that permeate our minds The experiences that money cannot buy? The rainbows that shimmer in oil-stained puddles Like remembrances of former lives

But with the passing of cars like the passing of time They will dis-colour and collide

The fireplace glow, the coal-tar soap The Sunday roast, the tobacco smoke The jamboree bags, the penny chews All now, disappearing from view

My nan's perfume - its name I can't remember The autumnal lights of October and November

More than just the molecules that animate our flesh We are eternal beings, sempiternally blessed Free as the day we die, pure as we are born Our souls remain deathless - no need to mourn

Our lives will teem with love and regret I hope you remember the things I can't forget