

# Smoke Signals

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I went with you up to the place you grew up in  
We spent a week in the cold  
Just long enough to Walden it with you  
Any longer, it would've got old  
Singing "Ace of Spades" when Lemmy died  
But nothing's changed, L.A.'s alright  
I'm sleeping in my bed again, and getting in my head  
And then, walk around the reservoir

You, you must've been looking for me  
Sending smoke signals  
Pelicans circling  
Burning trash out on the beach

One of your eyes is always half-shut  
Something happened when you were a kid  
I didn't know you then and I'll never understand  
Why it feels like I did  
"How Soon Is Now" in an 80s sedan  
You slept inside of it because your dad  
Lived in a campground in the back of a van  
You said that song'll creep you out until you're dead

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I want to live at the Holiday Inn  
Where somebody else makes the bed  
We'll watch TV while the lights on the street  
Put all the stars to death  
It's been on my mind since Bowie died  
Just checking out to hide from life  
And all of our problems, I'm gonna solve 'em  
With you riding shotgun, speeding, 'cause fuck the cops

And you, you must've been looking for me  
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I buried a hatchet, it's coming up lavender  
The future's unwritten; the past is a corridor  
I'm at the exit, looking back through the hall  
You are anonymous, I am a concrete wall