Hem, Half Acre

I am holding half an acre Torn from the map of Michigan And folded in this scrap of paper Is the land I grew in

Think of every town you've lived in Every room you lay your head And what is it that you remember

Do you carry every sadness with you Every hour your heart was broken Every night the fear and darkness Lay down with you

A man is walking on the highway A woman stares out at the sea And light is only now just breaking

So we carry every sadness with us Every hour our hearts were broken Every night the fear and darkness Lay down with us

But I am holding half an acre Torn from the map of Michigan I am carrying this scrap of paper

That can crack the darkest sky wide open Every burden taken from me Every night my heart unfolding My home