

# Mary Chapin Carpenter, The Dreaming Road

(Mary Chapin Carpenter)

The stars are out tonight, the breeze is warm and light  
As I'm walking right back to you  
Along the dreaming road, the only way to go  
When I'm travelling by our code that north is true  
Once upon a time these same bright stars did shine  
Down the center line leading here  
Nearly thirty years ago, now the map is stained and old  
But on the dreaming road the coast is clear  
I loved you more than life and I guess that's why I died  
When you would not love me back I couldn't survive  
And so the girl I was turned into someone else  
Keeping to myself and from the light  
I wasn't odd or strange, just quietly rearranged  
Sometimes the biggest change stays out of sight

So without plot or clue I ran away from you  
I was twenty-two and drunk in Amsterdam  
Got robbed in Paris, France, got home on one last chance  
And without a backward glance I began again  
And the days just kept on rolling and I just kept on going  
Without a thought of ever slowing down  
I made this long road mine but it was not the dreaming kind  
Too many lost souls trying to get found  
But beneath this ancient sky, one night we did collide  
And the hole I thought was sealed opened wide  
I tried so hard again not to fall back in  
But you had me then by the throat  
And a strange futility came washing over me  
Almost peacefully I felt the rope

A million miles goes by in the blink of an eye  
And so I cannot try to slow time down  
And years are made of sand slipping through my hands  
Even faster than the speed of sound  
The stars are out tonight, the breeze is soft and light  
As I'm walking right back to you  
With nothing left to hide, the tears have all been cried  
And the girl who died is walking too  
Down the dreaming road, where the light is always gold  
The air is never cold and always fine  
And north is always true and you are always you  
And I'm that girl you knew once upon a time