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STAY

STICKS AND STONES MAY BREAK YOUR BONES.
BUT WORDS WILL NEVER HARM.
KEPT THE HOMEFRONT GOING STEADY,
NO NEED FOR ALARM.

DAD IS GROUCHY, WON'T STOP WHINING,
BUT THAT'S NOTHING NEW.
WE AIN'T BEEN TALKING, ALSO, STANDARD.
SO I'M ASKING YOU.

IF YOU'D KNOWN BEFORE YOUR TIME,
THE WAY YOUR PATH WAS SET,
WOULD YOU HAVE CHANGED YOUR COURSE?
OR WAS YOUR CHOICE WITHOUT REGRET?

IT'S A WORD I'D NEVER THOUGHT OF TILL RIGHT HERE AND NOW TODAY,
WEIGHTED DOWN BY FEATHERS AND A PROMISE I ONCE MADE.
BUT IF YOU WERE ME, AND I WERE YOU, WHAT WOULD YOU, COULD YOU, SAY?

JONO STAY.
JONO DON'T GO AWAY.
JONO'S SWEET, JONO'S KIND, JONO'S NOT BUILT FOR TODAY.
DON'T PLAY DUMB, DON'T BE BLIND, DON'T PRETEND YOU DON'T MIND WHAT THEY SAY.
ANYWAY...

OUR PEOPLE ARE DYING, THERE'S MORE LEFT TO COME,
AND ME I'M JUST LYING HERE, TWIDDLING MY THUMBS.
ON SHORES FAR FROM HOME THERE ARE MEN FIGHTING WARS,
WHILE I'M HERE THE BOY THEY'VE DISOWNED.

ALONE.

YOU SAID JONO YOUR LIFE IS WORTH MORE THAN A WAR,
BUT IF THAT'S THE CASE WHAT WERE YOU FIGHTING FOR?
WAS YOUR LIFE WORTH LESS? HECK I'LL GIVE YOU A GUESS,
AND THAT LIE LEFT NO TIME FOR GOODBYES.

JONO STAY,
JONO DON'T GO AWAY,
DON'T BE SWEET, DON'T BE KIND, JUST STEEL YOUR MIND FOR TODAY.
DON'T PLAY DUMB, DON'T BE BLIND, DON'T PRETEND YOU'RE CONFINED BY YESTERDAY .

JOIN THE FRAY.

STAY, OR JOIN THE FRAY.
WOULD YOU STAY, OR JOIN THE FRAY?

AND YOU CAN'T FLY WITH A WHITE FEATHER,
A PROMISE MADE, NOW SERVES TO TETHER ME DOWN.
I'M STUCK HERE, BOUND TO THE GROUND.

A LIFE PRESERVED IN AMBER STAYS ABOVE THE GROUND WHERE YOU NOW LAY.
BUT I'M ALIVE OR SO THEY SAY, YET ALL I SEE ARE PATHS NOT MADE.
AND PATHS NOT MADE ARE MOMENTS FAILED.

WOULD I, COULD I, TRADE.
MY LIFE FOR YOURS.
GIVE BACK THE SON HE SO ADORES,

WOULD I? COULD I?