Promise

Music and Lyrics by J.M. Gates

You never know the way each day will turn
Which city park might set the scene
Or what roles the passer-by might play
You ride the tail of summer days
And try to foresee each midnight’s dream
But you get nothing but the promise that you’ll get the chance to learn
What they might mean

Everything you are is promise

We never knew the way that time could twist
Our hands clasping at an anchor
Then each of us both reach for someone new
Maybe we didn’t know the chasm grew
Because we never dug in deep with anger
Or, wrapped in the promise of our kiss,
Forgot there was danger

The only thing we are is promise

Like all life that blooms inside the august
We’re made to grow, but not to know when we’re ripe
Maybe it’s tomorrow
Maybe it’s tonight

But we never really know what song our lives will sing
The melody and how it’s sung
Is written and rewritten every moment
And maybe you think that it’s broken
But maybe it’s really just caught on the tip of your tongue
Maybe we’ve just awoken
Maybe we have just begun
But promises can’t tell you what might come

I can’t even promise we are
I love you, I loved you, but the world is so unsure
Maybe now there’s just the promise that we were