

Before There Were Gods

(music by Michael Hedges & Tobin Mueller; lyrics by Tobin Mueller)

Before there were gods,
Before we knew the difference,
Before there were lines that marked the land
between here and there,
You knew me. That's what you said. You said:
You knew me (you knew I was there)
with a love that reached beyond the dead.

Beyond the turning of the world,
Beyond the burning of each life I've led.

Before there was time,
Before we traveled through it,
We gathered like pilgrims to stand at the edge of all known land.

On the shoreline
the waves can play like children.
On the shoreline
the footprints wash away.

At the end of the world before there were gods.
At the end of the world...

There are seagulls that cry as the lovers swim by
near the feet of a savior, standing.
There are layers of clouds forming words in the sky
and we read them in swirls, as they can be when the waters rise.
When the waters rise.

Rain down to me.
Rain down to me.
Rain down to me.

And I stand here,
with my mouth opened wide,
hoping to catch you,
like the rain.

And I stand and I trace, in this pilgrim place,
all the lines that we made
in the sand.
Again.

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