

An Ode to Airplanes (for Damien)

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And so begins
an infinite journey
of atlases
and oceans
and us

And it seems like this is it—
you and me
and the whole wide world
and all of the beauty and pain it will fill us with

And in this life
I have learned
that good things come
and good things go
and nothing lasts forever

So
I will cherish beauty when I have the chance
and love as hard as my heart will let me
And I will hurt
all the way down to my bones when I am broken
I will feel
everything
Deeply

And I know I just may lose myself
in the endless loving

and grieving
of beautiful things
But there is so much more to be seen
and so many more ways to love
and so many more times the world will break my heart
but it will all be worth it
Because you didn't
And for that I owe you the world

So here I am
hanging ten off the edge of life—
as sure as the San Francisco sun
in the summertime—
ready to dive into the sky
and risk drowning in the darkness between the stars
if only to show you once
something you have shown me a thousand times

From this moment on
I promise you
everything

Because if I have learned anything
through all of this
it is that good things come
and good things go
and opportunity is fleeting
So I will cherish beauty when I have the chance
and love as hard as my heart will let me
And I will hurt all the way down to my bones when I am broken

I will feel everything

Deeply

I will make these moments a part of me

because I may never get the chance

to love

or hurt

like this again