

Fear

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after Raymond Carver

Fear I'll be stuck here without a ladder
Fear we're all going to the same place but not the same place
Fear I'll go before I die
Fear I'll write many things but say too little
Fear I'll never amount to anything and I'm not even counting
Fear there'll be no need to live anymore
Fear death will not be sweet nor hard
Fear nothing will ever come
Fear everything will leave before it stays
Fear ache is the only state
Fear tragedy rules my life and likes it
Fear authority is telling me things I already know
Fear condemnation arrives like love

