

# I've Been Here Before

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I've been here before.  
it wasn't you though—  
it was her before you,  
and then she before her ...  
before you.

But also, they came  
before she stopped through  
on my way past her  
to you. Now I'm here.  
like before.

Glances and chances left  
lost in watered eyes.  
when smiles and long talks  
preceded your cries.

When what was good  
isn't good enough,  
heart and mind  
must compromise  
to forget feeling you.

I've been here before,  
but not sure how I left.  
looking down at every step  
of a long walk  
with a heavy backpack.

My mind reflects but  
why bother look back.  
walking forward,  
ignore that I care.

I've been here before,  
it's not always fair.

I let these things happen.  
it's no accident.

sit on a car at night  
watching stars shoot,  
I let my mind vent.

I've been here before,  
I'll move on I'm sure.

One more time,  
like every time before.

