Livingston

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A change of clothes was all I carried there were three of us to do the driving the sky turned black outside of Laramie the rain poured down all over Wyoming took two long days and four full tanks of gas to get to Livingston In between the silences and the feeling grateful I had so much time for remembering late nights around someone's table something deeper about those gatherings more than once I've been far, far away and thinking about Livingston On the way back home I will stop awhile ease this truck onto the shoulder of the road it's a long straight line that goes for miles and miles and it's as lonely as a Great Plains Conoco I came to say goodbye and to hug you but I wasn't brave enough to say that so I said see you soon and I love you I think you understood me from way back from the very first time we ever sang our songs late one night in Livingston On the way back home I will stop awhile ease this truck onto the shoulder of the road it's a long straight line that goes for miles and miles and it's as empty as a Great Plains Conoco I see you standing tall and kind of squinting in a field outside White Sulphur Springs don't need a cowboy hat, just a '33 Gibson and a little more time to make it ring as the sun turns red and the sky turns treasure gold on the long way back to Livingston

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