

# R.E.M., Rockville (Don't Go Back To )

Looking at your watch a third time waiting in the station for a bus  
Going to a place that's far, so far away and if that's not enough  
Going where nobody says hello, they don't talk to anybody they don't know  
You'll wind up in some factory that's full time filth and nowhere left to go  
Walk home to an empty house, sit around all by yourself  
I know it might sound strange, but I believe  
You'll be coming back before too long  
Don't go back to Rockville  
And waste another year  
At night I drink myself to sleep and pretend  
I don't care if you're not here with me  
'Cause it's so much easier to handle  
All my problems if I'm too far out to sea  
But something better happen soon  
Or it's gonna be too late to bring you back  
It's not as though I really need you  
If you were here I'd only bleed you  
But everybody else in town only wants to bring you down and  
That's not how it ought to be  
I know it might sound strange, but I believe  
You'll be coming back before too long