

Beyond: behold, a word of many faces
It spells glory, it spells success
It also implies unknown
And soon shall you be beyond
far away
from me

And I cannot hold you back
for that is cruelty at its finest
You deserve this, to live beyond us
I cannot steal you from your future
I cannot chain you in the past
at sixteen, the way you were
when I loved you

I love you

Because I am not going beyond
I am not going with you
I am not going

I may never go beyond here
beyond hope and youth and us
beyond home and hearth and you

You are brighter than I
You have a chance and a person and love
and I hope you know that
I may not grow and change and blossom
I may never become someone new
I may be clipped at the branch
or simply wither

And I hope you don't miss me
No, that would break me in millions

But I do hope that somewhere, in the dusk
when your lights dim and you have grown
to far more than I ever was
somewhere across the country
and above the ground
you think of me
as someone who loved you

That is all I need to be, to you
That is all I need to be
That is all

- Elle

To EON