

I Know Why You Left

A cold spot in the room
A light flickering off then on
A little piece of you left in a place
Where it doesn't belong

It feels like you're still here
But I know you weren't here for long
I know that once you were able,
You insisted on pressing on

You headed off into the direction
of that endless unknown
Far from these tethers and chains
Far from this home

With that same gleeful curiosity
You stepped through the gate
With that same reckless ambition
You refused to wait

And if you'd been asked
You'd give your radiant smile
And politely refuse the request
To stay with us for awhile

This room is now empty
I can feel it deep in my bones
Even though I carry you with me
I know that I am alone

I don't blame you for leaving
I couldn't ask you to stay
I know why you left
So I hope you're far away

It feels like you're still here
But I know you weren't here for long
You were exploring the edges of the universe
Before we knew you were gone