

**Better Than I Was**

**Mal Blum**

[Intro]

**C**

[Verse 1]

**C**

I pour steaming milk into paper cups

**F**

And start conversations with new strangers

**G**

**F**

**C**

The awkwardness finally burning off like a fever

[Verse 2]

**C**

But forgetting is a privilege, and I don't forget it

**F**

I drove up your old block, right past your apartment

**G**

**F**

**C**

The roommate you hated was carrying boxes of something

[Chorus]

**G**

Has your face gotten older?

**F**

Has your voice gotten lower?

**Am**

I feel the same

**F**

But the world keeps getting slower

**D**

**F**

Something inside of me says

**C**

I'm better than I was

[Verse 3]

**C**

I couldn't come over, so I met you there

**F**

And you'd grown a bit taller, same gray in your hair

**G**

**F**

**C**

That I saw on your mother the day that I met her in Portland

[Verse 4]

**C**

You know, Maine is such a pleasant place

**F**

So I could see myself getting in the way

**G**

**F**

**C**

As soon as I settle, I ll know I can t stay

[Chorus]

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**F**

Something inside of me says

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I m better than I was

[Bridge]

**D**

And I heard the record that she had bought

**F**

In the coffee shop

**F**

But she had it wrong

**G**

Because he writes of loss

**G**

And impermanence

**C**

It s not a break up song

**D**

While I pour steaming milk

**D**

Into a paper cup

**F**

I start a conversation with a new stranger

**G**

Who says that being left by someone

**G**

Who don t get you isn t wrong

**C**

It s a favor

[Chorus]

**G**

And you re so scared of getting old

**F**

And I m so scared of growing slow

**Am**

Most of all we re scared

**F**

We re always gonna be alone

**D**

**F**

But even so something inside of me says

**D**

**F**

Something inside of me says

**D**

**F**

Something inside of me says

**C**

I m better than before