## Alt Side

## ME/COUNTRYSIDE

Me runs outside and finds Countryside who drags her through the grass. They twirl with each other, spin, and laugh.

ME. I haven't yelled like that in years.

COUNTRYSIDE. Feel that. Between your toes.

ME. The grass and the earth and it all squishes. Why haven't I been out here before?

Countryside sits down after she tires of twirling.

COUNTRYSIDE. What are you so afraid of?

ME. I can't explain. I know I'll feel better outside, but something keeps me in. Those windows have bars you know. And sometimes if they didn't. I imagine crawling out one of them. And just--

COUNTRYSIDE. Are you afraid of John?

ME. Of course not, he wants me to get better.

COUNTRYSIDE. That means--

ME. My old self. And I'm not sure that's possible.

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COUNTRYSIDE. That's what you're afraid of.