

**DID I DO THIS ONCE BEFORE?**  
**(Is It All Just a Dream?)**

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1. **Did I do this once before ?**  
**Is this happening again ?**  
**Over-&-over tumbling in clover**  
**with dandelion fairies blowin' in the wind.**  
**Have we been here once before ?**  
**Even a dozen times — or a score,**  
**even then, we strived for more,**  
**planted in a wish in a dandelion spore.**  
**Is this lifetime but a dream ?**  
**— of a sovereign God, unseen ?**  
**Who allows our painful anguish**  
**knowing we'll wake to find it wasn't real;**  
**that experience, all, was good**  
**though not one in a million understood**  
**why we're dealt this kind of hand, in the deal**  
**— so we could feel.**

**[INSTRUMENTAL #1]**

2. **Did we go through this before,**  
**that I get this *déjà vu***  
**that alerts me till it hurts me**  
**wondering if it were a dream — or true.**  
**Has the cycle spun once more,**  
**to another open door ?**  
**Breaching boundaries at my soul's foundries**  
**that forge insights into what life is for.**  
**Maybe everything's a dream**  
**and we're but stage props in each scene**  
**of the joys and pains that pass as reality;**  
**even death, like life, a figment**  
**of imagination's changing pigment,**  
**where even at its essence, nothing's what**  
**— it seems to be . . .**  
**we're just dealt this kind of deal — so we could feel . . .**

**[INSTRUMENTAL #2 (OF VERSE SECTION)**  
**AND FADE IT OUT]**

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