

# Hope Might Break Through

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I am not in love but I am *in love*  
in the sense that it finally feels

like fall in Alabama & it is 5 AM  
& I am driving through town

with my windows down,  
music on shuffle. "Touch the Sky"

starts playing & the streets  
dance along with their pre-dawn

gleam, existing in a universe  
away from the bake of the day.

Alabama sun isn't forgiving, even  
in autumn. I am not forgiving. I am

tough to please & tough to love,  
but somewhere in this song is

the clarity that comes from seeing  
the world around you & opening

yourself up to it. From noticing  
the new flowers in front of

your ex-girlfriend's neighborhood.  
From loving the dark sky right before

it dares to drop through into day.  
I am thankful for the sky. I am

thankful for music that helps me  
love the sky. This song is worship.

This song is a hallelujah call-to-action  
from the god I see

when I look in a mirror.

My praise hands on the steering wheel,

soul in my throat singing. Yelling lyrics  
against the quiet. Shoes off. Eyes up.

Heart healed.



THE BURROUGHS  
**Got to Feel**

The album cover features a vibrant, abstract painting of a person's face and hair in shades of orange, yellow, and red, set against a dark background. The person appears to be shouting or singing with their mouth wide open. The text 'THE BURROUGHS' is at the top in small white letters, and 'Got to Feel' is in large, bold, red letters below it.

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"Touch the Sky"

*Got to Feel*

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