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Is there an afterlife?

If there is an afterlife I fear
I'll have no
Soul mate with me there...
Haven't found him yet...
I'm pretty sure I have a soul—
But it's been through rough times
Oh lonely old soul, you foolish kid,
I'm not ready to die...
So find someone here on earth
To share your berth
On the soul train, oh I'm a gone insane...
It's like music...it needs a refrain....
So I googled "The Afterlife",
Got Paul Simon on YouTube,
With his brand new song
By that name...
Music good enough to cut with a knife
And dole out sections to your friends.
Now I want to hear his version again....
 "You got to fill out a form first
 Then you wait in the line."
Ain't that divine?

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