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## Pro Victoria



# Sentinel

Can we say that we are free?  
Our hands are bound and voices silent  
I'm sure it's not a dream  
I am awake my eyes are open  
I can't accept and won't concede  
In aftermath we find redemption  
The causes that are seized  
And disguised as revolution

Quell the rage that deeply seethes  
The extremes of these devotions  
Dismantle the machine  
The device of their creation

I can't accept and won't concede  
That this is who we are  
The conflict that is seized  
And disguised as greater notions

To the songs that sing of glory and the brave  
Are we dreaming there are better days to come?  
When will the banners and the victory parades  
Celebrate the day a better world was won?

On the day  
The storm has just begun  
I will still hope  
There are better days to come

In the face of what I say  
My words return to anger  
Malevolence in need  
Cannot provide direction  
I won't accept this thought  
That this is who we are  
Positions never change  
Losing all forward motion

Harbour that which deeply seethes  
Temper your devotion  
Dismantle the machine  
The device of your convictions

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# Tomorrow Never Comes

Heaven help us, we've lost control  
This should be our finest hour  
But we're racing towards the end of days  
Pulling back from the brink despite our best efforts  
The volume increases and the beat goes on  
All the players marching to a different drum  
The rhythm of the war dance  
The beat goes on

What will become of us?  
If there's no one to watch over us?  
If we should face the certainty of our destruction  
Forfeiting everything  
Pointless cries  
futile dreams  
There'll be no laughter  
There'll be no tears  
When tomorrow never comes

This isn't a game  
Turn the safety off  
Still we want more, so the beat gets faster  
Everyone must play cause fame will find you  
Put your face on the cover of a loaded magazine  
We're proud of ourselves  
Our greatest inventions, methods of killing, have reached perfection  
All the players marching to a different drum  
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As the warning sirens sound  
And the world is at an end  
Render unto night  
Creations torn asunder  
What will become of us?  
Is there no one to watch over us?  
There'll be no laughter  
There'll be no tears  
When tomorrow never comes

# The Great Divide

Deep is the longing in the heart that ever strives  
The expanses far and wide that still confine  
The simple facts that yet lay waiting to be found  
As lost as some forgotten promised land

Consider reasons through our good-byes  
Looking back for one last time

Just for a second look into your heart  
As you stand and look across the great divide  
Remember all the things that you will leave behind  
As you set out to cross the vast and great divide

Guard and defend when forces hinder and collide  
Solemn intentions both blessed and divine  
You still pulled victory from shattered hope  
Count your doubts with broken smiles  
Covered your hurt in your pride

No need for reasons, none to confide  
Look back and bid farewell for one last time

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Just for a second look into my eyes  
As you stand and look across the great divide  
As you let go of tears for what you leave behind  
While looking back again to say farewell for one last time

Before looking back again to say farewell for one last time  
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# Ghost

I climbed down to watch the tide  
Mark the time that slips away  
Where the oceans meet the sky  
The drawing out of self  
And bitter cold goes side by side  
The self sustained obscurity  
The scent I can't maintain  
The ghost that never wanes

I walk out to meet my fate  
In the receding of the day  
In hope the tide will grant me stay  
From the ghost that never wanes

So torn and afraid  
I find lies faces none can wear away  
Time slips away  
Let them rest upon the waves  
Peace at last for those who wait  
Before I go out to far  
Before the depth I seek moves further away

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## Art of Conflict

The art of war is of vital importance to the state  
it is a matter of life and death  
a road either to safety, or to ruin

Divide and conquer in all your battles is not supreme excellence  
Supreme excellence consists of breaking the enemies' resistance without having to fight

If you know the enemy and know yourself your victory will not stand in doubt  
If you know heaven, and you know earth, you may make your victory

If you know the enemy and you know yourself, you need not fear the results of 100 battles,  
if you know yourself, but not the enemy, for every victory gained, you will also suffer defeat  
If you know neither the enemy, nor yourself, you will succumb in every battle

Treat your soldiers as your beloved children, and they will follow you into the deepest valleys  
To defeat your enemy, you must pretend inferiority, and encourage your enemies arrogance  
Making no mistakes is what establishes the certainty of victory  
For it means conquering an enemy that is already defeated

There is no instance of a nation benefiting from prolonged warfare

Speed is the essence of war

The art of war teaches us to rely not on the likelihood of the enemies not coming,  
but on our own readiness to receive our enemy

Not on the chance of our enemies not attacking, but rather on the fact that we have made our position unassailable

The general who advances without seeking fame, and who retreats without fear of disgrace; whose only thought is to protect his country, and to service for his sovereign, is the jewel of his kingdom

The victorious strategist only seeks battle after the victory has been won; Whereas he who is destined for defeat, first fights then afterwards looks for victory

Speed is the essence of war

Only he who is thoroughly acquainted with the evils of war can thoroughly understand how to profit from waging war



# In Defiance

I think back upon the person  
I knew you to be  
Righted the wrongs in the name  
Of all you believed

The one who brought the fight  
Who never said die  
Never letting fate decide

Be all you hope for  
you are the best you could be  
All that in tribute of all  
That you had achieved

No time for words  
From those with nothing to say  
Never letting fate decide

Unto the end and back again  
Defiant to the last man  
Until there is nothing left  
to fight against  
No surrender

Unto the corners of the Earth  
Defiant to the last breath  
Until there's none left standing  
No surrender

Conjured the ground upon which  
you've only stood  
Buried the conflicts that had  
Preyed on your mind

Those strengths in action  
That only courage achieves  
Never letting fate decide

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# Verum Æternus

If you and I  
Had been anything less  
Than these tormented souls  
We would never have gone so far  
To become what we are

If you and I  
Had never seen the world  
Through the eyes of a child  
We would never have wanted to stop time  
Sleepers passing by

If you and I  
Had been anything less  
Than these disenfranchised minds  
We would have looked the other way  
As we passed each other by

And for the things I know  
From the broken all I ask  
Is to look beyond this place  
Stop staring at the ground  
Thinking only what went wrong

I know there are days  
Too dark or hard to take  
I hope you know  
This is just one day you'll have to face  
This is not the whole of your life

This is one day  
This is one day  
This is one day  
One day  
Out of all of your life

One day  
Out of all of your life

# From My Hands

So much I've thought  
I'd have to say  
Though I try to speak  
My meaning strays  
We can't avoid  
The facts that brought us here  
I've come to say goodbye

The lies I try  
To tell with my own eyes  
An act of pride  
A wilful compromise  
Please understand  
How torn I am  
When I walk away from here

I lament  
The moments we won't share  
If I am far too sentimental, I apologize  
Please understand  
This is who I am  
And who'll I'll still be  
When I've walked away from here

You know I'm not unkind  
When I say  
In the future  
The past is just the past  
No going back  
No change of heart  
But this is now  
Time will not defer

My thoughts betray  
So easily confess  
How long I'll wait here  
After you have gone  
Nothing ends  
But I won't believe that now  
Please don't walk away from here

And when alone  
When I remember days  
Nothing will change  
A single fact of who you were to me  
Oh come what may  
Forever to the end  
I find it so hard to let you go

Hush now  
Let it go now  
There's no need  
For sad goodbyes

Hush now  
Let it go now  
I know it's time to go

Time to let this fall  
From my hands

# Where There Is Light

The carousel begins to slow  
I'll take my chances  
So far removed I'll fail to see  
The recklessness I've shown  
In all my words and deeds  
The good in other souls  
I never fail to see

Can you see the light  
As far as the eyes can see  
From this point above the world  
Where mortals dare their destiny  
As it radiates  
May I witness open-eyed  
Let me remain where there is light

In want of courage  
It is as a shield for me  
In want of hope  
It reassures and carries me  
As it radiates  
May I witness open-eyed  
Let me remain where there is light

Letting go was never easy  
Risking all for what I wanted  
Never needed  
Deliberated whether I should  
Serve the cause of greater things  
As we moved worlds apart

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The greatest words  
Would still fail me now  
These emotions I cannot describe  
I want to be where  
I don't need to hide myself  
And remain there  
Until the end of time

The gods play games  
With mortal hearts  
As the carousel goes round  
As I looked on  
I saw the crowds who gathered  
Walk away

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