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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
The rhythm of the war dance
And the beat goes on

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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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As you stand and look across the great divide
Remember all the things that you will leave behind
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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
Before looking back again to say farewell for one last time

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

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

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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From this point above the world
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As it radiates
May I witness open-eyed
Let me remain where there is light

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

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
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