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Beautiful Distraction







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Ripping off the door, let it fall and I'm looking out behind you  
Looking out for ways they'd take us down when I follow  
Following your lead effortlessly and I'm breaking every rule too  
Breaking all the rules to go now. TO GO NOW

All I know  
I can't see what I'm running from and  
All I know  
I'll never get away from it  
All I know  
It used to be so hard to move through  
All I know  
But you're making it easy

You named an adversary  
By never looking in  
We'll need your resignation

Get out of my head

Gnawing on the bone they threw us after the storms came  
Checking off a list of deep concerns when I'm waking up to you  
I'll never fear for anything from anyone  
'Cause waking up to you is easy when you get paid to

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But you're making it easy

Out of My Head

You named an adversary  
By never looking in  
We'll need your resignation

Get out of my head

You can admit  
You can give  
You can keep  
The same lie down  
And you will be the one to go  
And you'll never know

You'll never know

You've got to decide  
Breathe in and you'll find  
We see the goal  
We've taken control  
There were times we'd still vie for more  
Accede defeat and open the door

Behind all was shadows  
I've got my ear to the door  
Wait in the silence  
And they won't know what we've in store  
We're using the shadows  
And I won't hear anymore  
Silence and shadows  
Or you can join them on the floor

New disease  
Another mystery  
Who needs to be perfectly clean?

Behind all was shadows  
I've got my ear to the door  
Wait in the silence  
And they won't know what we've in store  
We're using the shadows  
And I won't hear anymore  
Silence and shadows  
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# silence and shadows

Got my timing down  
Got my breathing slowed  
Got my captive shout  
"Just let me go"

We're using the shadows  
And I won't hear anymore  
Silence and shadows  
Or you can join them on the floor

Got my timing down  
Got my breathing slowed  
Got my captive shout  
"Just let me go"

So you'll own the road this time  
With hesitation even further from your mind  
Tear off across that line  
Leave the traces of the races you lost

Behind all was shadows  
I've got my ear to the door  
Wait in the silence  
And they won't know what we've in store  
We're using the shadows  
And I won't hear anymore  
Silence and shadows  
Or you can join them tied up on the floor

So we've got a problem

Ya we've got something that's in the way

Making it easy

To never look further than today

Weighing the options but making no play

Hope for the best and put the scale away

So many reasons

Tell me when you wanna fall apart

It's gonna fall apart

Can't wait to fall apart

It's gonna fall apart

We've gotta question

Why not just make a move today

Awaiting an answer

Tell me when you wanna fall apart

It's gonna fall apart

Can't wait to fall apart

It's gonna fall apart

And one moment is all we need

The impetus to finally breathe

So when it comes we need to know

And be prepared to follow

So look at the problem

And wonder why you want to be this way

You got to feel comfort

By turning everything you love away

Go live in the moment

Make a new start

Wipe out the day

When you lost that spark

Recover your reason

# Fall Apart

Tell me when you wanna fall apart

It's gonna fall apart

Can't wait to fall apart

It's gonna fall apart

And one moment is all we need

The impetus to finally breathe

So when it comes we need to know

And be prepared to follow

You're on the path again just look in front of you

You'll need to learn again that walking's what you do

And as it winds it's way ahead you'll finally see

It leads to everything you said you'd need

Hard pills to swallow

With rules this narrow

Starting tomorrow

You'll never be this hollow

So look at the problem

And wonder why you want to be this way

You got to feel comfort

By turning everything you love away

Go live in the moment

Make a new start

Wipe out the day

When you lost that spark

Recover your reason

And tell me when you wanna fall

Tell me when you're gonna fall apart

# Home

And we can't remember  
What we used to be  
But we can't imagine  
What we'll be

And so we all hold on  
When the whole world's moved on  
We try but it all falls away  
We lie in ruins just to say

You'll add another note  
You'll take another crumb  
You're waking up beside  
My inanimate pride  
And let that be the reason you won't leave

I can take it on the cheek  
Endure until the peak  
Just answering the call  
The current that's  
Leading me and speeding me and feeding me to you

And we can't remember  
What we used to be  
But we can't imagine  
What we'll be  
So where can we go now  
What can we call home

Please now make it all just stop  
Won't care about the fault  
Make me understand  
Can't get it out my head  
Now we're running just as fast as always and forever

That we can't remember  
What we used to be  
And we can't imagine  
What we'll be  
So where can we go now  
What can we call home



Nothing is easy  
Something is weighing  
Down and lost again  
In darkness we'll suspend  
A sacrifice  
To pay the price  
As it pulls us all in

When I wanna believe that the sound comes recklessly  
That I'm under the aid of a will propelling me  
When it gets to be that it seems out of control  
Let it string me along

Down and lost again  
Pull my mind again  
Damned and lost again  
Pay the price and pull us in

Pull the puppet string  
But never be condemned of anything  
And what harm could it bring  
When no one sees the hands on the puppet string

With a little attached to my hand you're taking me  
With another attached to a righteous memory  
Just a little bit till it all gets written down  
And let my soul come along

Down and lost again  
Pay the price and pull us in

Pull the puppet string  
But never be condemned of anything  
And what harm could it bring  
When no one sees the hands on the puppet string

# Marionettes

We're already free  
We could show the world  
The lives we've given back  
Too many to speak of I'd attest  
I swear that we will make it out  
You and me already free  
And we could show the world  
The time we've given back  
Too many have seen  
But we'll be fine  
I swear we'll be fine  
Bide our time  
We're fine  
We're fine fine FINE

Pull the puppet string  
But never be condemned of anything  
And what harm could it bring  
When no one sees the hands on the puppet string



# Seas of Unknown

Slow my inspiration  
Dull my heart so I can breathe  
Leave my innocence behind me  
Show me things I'd never see  
Cast my fears away and then lift me up above  
Be my beautiful distraction  
Give me everything but love

We'll never reach that love  
Break it down again  
You're right the stories go where we can't eat of them  
You'll find the morning loves to rise it up again  
So high we can't feel it anymore

Now ignore all the rest  
And we'll sail the Seas of Unknown  
Some mention of what is left  
And we'll have to brave it alone

We fall  
So we'll break it and take it down again  
So long it seems like I've been holding back  
Slow it down I want to feel the weight of the world  
Slow it down I want to feel anything again

Now ignore all the rest  
And we'll sail the Seas of Unknown  
Some mention of what is left  
And we'll have to brave it alone

Slow my destination  
And the reasons I could leave  
Get my fucking shit together  
Push me closer to my dreams  
Be my hands when I can't reach them  
Be my feet above the floor  
Be my heart within my chest  
Give me everything and more

Now ignore all the rest  
And we'll sail the Seas of Unknown  
Some mention of what is left  
And we'll have to brave it  
I will wait for you

So deep into a tunnel of make believe  
No one left to determine where it could be  
No sense wasting the colour we use to scream  
Silence is the wrong toner for this machine

See the world come surround  
When the colours come around

Words never prove  
The things that we do  
We'll take this to the grave  
The stains that we've shown  
In vain we make known  
How can we now be saved

Favour the lines a thousand times by not mixing the hues  
The weight of the crime is filtered by the colours that we use  
You see a world of ups and downs  
We see a shade of greys or browns  
Define ourselves in crimsons tangerines and blues

Words never prove  
The things that we do  
We'll take this to the grave

So deep into a tunnel of make believe  
No one left to determine where it could be

All the dye  
All the dye is gone  
Overnight  
All the dye is gone  
And we were so far off the line  
And we had tried to make it right  
And we had tried to paint in crimsons tangerines and blues

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The things that we do  
We'll take this to the grave  
The stains that we've shown  
In vain we make known  
How can we now be saved

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No one left to determine where it could be  
No sense wasting the colour we use to scream  
Silence is the wrong toner for this machine

You've seen my hands  
So see this and  
Get up out of the ground

Crimson Blues



Way out of your element with nowhere left to hide  
You thought up an exit plan but had to stay inside  
You found I felt the same and you told me so  
Called out on the connection still said no

You there was nothing I could do  
Such a shame that isn't true  
The gift of hindsight has been showing me  
A dream that turned tomorrow's dawn away

Maybe I was walking out above a net  
Exhilaration traded for calm regret  
Maybe all I wanted was to never have to fall  
Years of feigned security  
And now it's too late to call

Ya you waited too long  
I won't be there when you finally care  
Ya you waited too long  
I won't be there when you finally

Too many signs that I should have tried  
To live and not  
Just to be alive  
Now I find I imagine what my  
Days may have been like were I  
Someone who didn't let you get away

You there was nothing I could do  
Such a shame that isn't true  
The gift of hindsight only goes so far  
To illuminate what could have been delusion or delirium

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I won't be there when you finally

Too many signs that I should have tried  
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Just to be alive  
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Someone who didn't let you get away

Away  
You got away  
Away

Wanna deliver you everything  
You know I want to deliver you everything  
Wanna deliver you everything

Nothing I could do

Time's up give me more attention  
We see that I need affection  
Please me now I crave detection  
What is inside of me

Too late for you all to heal it  
So now that I'm told to feel it  
Stand up so the world can see it  
No bad publicity

I don't know  
Cause there's a tumour on my soul  
If I don't feed it every day it's going to grow

Let's go what are we waiting for  
Not full yet we're gonna want more  
Who says I'm the only fame whore  
Selling reality

Tuned out so you'll have to rewind  
I'm the one on which the sun shined  
A blessing, yeah the gift to mankind  
Simple anatomy

I don't know  
Cause there's a tumour on my soul  
If I don't feed it every day it's gonna grow

Again  
Expanding to the end  
And spreading into anything it can

# Product of Reality

Time's up  
We see it growing again  
Extending to our end  
And spreading into everything it can

Time's up  
Give me more attention  
What is inside of me?

If no one is feeling what we need them to  
We make our reality seem harder  
If no one is saying what we want them to  
We make our reality seem louder  
If no one is doing what we told them to do  
We make our reality seem faster

Time's up give me more attention  
We see that I need affection  
Please me now I crave detection  
What is inside of me

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