

## Ari Herstand

### "A Fond Farewell"

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My mother once told me  
The thicker your skin  
The better off you'll be when this world brings you  
down  
Well it's trying to control me  
And leave me without hope  
In the past I've been burned  
But I've lived and I've learned

Beneath the shelter of the pouring rain  
In the absence of this fear and pain  
I will finally bid my ball and chain  
A fond farewell

On the road that leads me to my place  
I will rid my heart of past disgrace  
I will finally bid this sluggish pace  
A fond farewell

When I heard their reservations  
When I read their bitter words  
I shined a light upon their wisdom no matter how  
absurd  
And it broke my heart to pieces  
And I questioned my own beliefs  
My dignity was gone  
But it's time to move on

Chorus

Say goodbye to feeling sorry for myself  
To begging others for far too much help  
This is my hand, these are the cards that I've been  
dealt  
Only I can make these changes, nobody else  
Say goodbye to those sleepless nights  
Those corridors with no end in sight  
A driven man with these words I write  
I'm making peace with my soul tonight

Chorus

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