

## Terry Tufts

### "Awake"

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Man down  
This hardened shell is broken  
My fate is bound to what I've done  
Regrets - I shuffle down the hallway  
Precious time - It's all gone overboard  
Here is your calm down pill  
I'll never be the same - It'll never be the same  
With eyes wide open - My body's floating down the river  
This live - What have I confined you for? It's all inside -  
It's all in silence  
When the raven gets its way  
A Million thoughts are swept away  
And then you leave it all  
You leave it all behind

And maybe next time we'll meet again  
And maybe I'll be less of a bitter man  
When I feel more  
I refuse to pay the ferryman - I'm so attached to my  
temple  
He has to burn it down to get me  
Ebony demon, shriek all you want - I'm not tagging  
along  
The shade, the burning blackness - It is my protector  
Fear before the fall - I can't grasp it all  
But at least I'm trying  
A light, a smoldering cinder  
Getting colder, ashen  
And letting all this go  
I'm not letting go  
I'm not really done here  
I won't let go  
Life's too short to be wrong  
And maybe next time we'll meet again  
And maybe I'll be less of a bitter man  
And if I could do it all over again  
I'd be the same man all over again  
When I feel more

