

Ayreon "Unnatural Selection"

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We have to teach them all that we know
their evolution moves far too slow
expand their minds, reject compliance
upgrade their knowledge, upload our science

This revolution will lead to their demise
we should not make the same mistake twice
we're kept alive by artificial means
but lost our souls to a world of machines

Listen to the warning

We need to teach them to fight disease
they seem so helpless and need our expertise
I see them dying all across the globe
their greatest foe is but a small microbe

This sudden change leads to overpopulation
shifting the balance, destructive habitation
killing all life, biological invasion
consuming Earth by ruthless exploitation

Can you see the fire in their eyes?
Can you hear the anguish in their cries?
Can you feel the beauty in their arts?
Can you sense the love within their hearts?
I can taste the freedom we once had
I can touch their pain when they feel sad
I can smell the fragrance of the air
I relive the times we used to share
Don't want to live in a world that's dying
I'd rather die in a world that's living

We gave them feelings what did they sense?
Shut out the world and put up a fence...
We gave them science, what did they do?
They build a bomb and they used it too...
We gave them reason, what did they learn?
Warmed up the planet and made it burn...
We gave them art and what did they make?
Nuclear weapons for their own sake...
We gave them insight what did they see?

Degrade the noble, enslave the free...
We gave them wisdom what did they teach?
We gave them language what did they say?
They left the planet in disarray...
We gave them dreams and what did they dream?

A chain of guilt around our neck
a planet straying in darkness
can we save the lives we wrecked?
I say we should find a way,
I say stop this decay

ad libs

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