

## Before Dark

### "Take Me"

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Oh lord, I'm having issues, more deep than American  
missiles  
Shooting commuter planes and filing em missions  
official  
I've hit depression hard and started to pick at the scabs  
From the scar, I'm a mess addressing pain in a bar, I  
confess  
'Cause all the rest just mar shit, chest in a cast  
Feeling urges just to test out a casket, bless me I'm  
blasphemous  
Jesus pass the fifth, I...have to get lit  
Masochist self I'm only half of the health I was born with  
(Baby) Save me, take me up high like 'dro  
But way far past the stars and the sky  
I'm blinding pain like I'm a junkie shooting up with  
Emotional novacaine, I'm floating provoking the angels  
to jump me  
In Lehman's terms, face been blurred, even early  
I scratched crayon in between the holy word I pray on,  
but still  
(Baby) Three gone, and maybe I'm in barren land  
God help me, I'm having trouble with your master plan  
so

(Take Me) Through the shadows of valley of death,  
God  
(Take me) when I'm shooting, taking last breaths hard  
(Baby) I want to walk through the valleys praying lord  
Will you help me, save me God, won't you tell me, tell  
me  
(Take me) 'Cause I'm losing my faith, bless me  
(Take me) 'Cause this world just want to test me

You see this dirty knife on the floor, this chrome nine in  
my hand  
These foul thoughts in my conscious, constantly  
understand  
See we taught to believe if you can touch it and see it, it  
must  
Be real so go believe it. But I've never seen Jesus  
I've never seen God, so he's only a thesis  
And I'm questioning all these things in my time to  
depart  
I know it's written suicide is giving hell and devils  
privilege  
Only wicked heathens commit it, sin of ages, well fuck  
it, bring it!  
Lately I've been waking early mornings screaming  
"Save me," dreams of seven horsemen chasing Jean,  
hastening speed  
So I'm raising the barrel envisioning marrow  
Splashed on the wall and polka dotting all my apparel  
And maybe, Ginsu blades through skin will slay  
And split thin veins instead of loading clips that spray  
And if I'm meant to stay, then I'll just pass through the  
gates  
And fall a long way back to Earth, so why don't you just

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You can see the pain twist my face from a distance  
The body's windows glistening red hot from all of the  
indo  
Thinking of my next of kinfolk, my mama  
Opening doors, crimson billows spread out on the  
pillows and floor  
I gotta block it out. I'm set on knocking out  
Lock and aim and I'm dropping my frame quick when I  
pop in the brain  
And if God's omnipotent, will he slip in and change  
And move the pistol so it shoots out of range and the  
lead whistles  
(Baby) Maybe he's just playing it'll ricochet and cripple  
me  
Strictly for questioning, give me life to the pain  
Sickle shaped body bent in the middle, so little

Kids who pass me harass me and giggle. My figure's  
Itching to touch on the answers. Hard headed like  
Exotic dancers' nipples, picturing the bullets ripping the  
skin  
On the mantle I'm holding, pull back and blow the wick  
Right off the candle, throw a kiss and told the world  
how to focus  
So now (take me...take me)

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