

## **Dream Theater**

# **"Raise The Knife"**

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Have I thanked you for your time?  
Will your life go unrewarded again?  
Never asking for a dime  
You just gave all of yourself  
Until I turned my back on you, my friend

The powers that be made you a martyr  
Conspiracy led you to slaughter  
I tried to control it  
But as soon as I showed it  
I was shot down again

Once again outnumbered  
Appreciation slumbered  
You can ask yourself why  
But that look in your eye  
Doesn't pass the test  
You've been laid to rest, my friend, again

Tortured artist bears his soul  
Seems that pressure took its toll  
Lived a life so punishing  
Now he keeps the publishing

Spilling your guts out to a pad and pen  
Communication to your silent friend

Raising the knife to a picture of a life  
(I once knew)  
There comes a time, compromising my life  
(Just won't do)

I cannot lie, I can't try anymore  
(To reach you)  
I just can't fight, raise the knife  
Raise the knife, cut through

I remember once you were the quiet type  
Content to sit and watch the motions of your life  
With false sensitivity  
You cut yourself open so people would adore you

They all bought into your contrived sincerity  
And how you wore your heart and soul right on your  
sleeve  
Laughing sarcastically, you turned your back  
On the people who adored you

Self-absorbed exhaustion  
Self-esteem distortion  
Self-infused extortion  
Self-serving abortion

I'll take the blame for these things that I say  
'Cause I had the heart and the will  
And the courage to stay  
Every day, I won't walk away

Reading through all the digests you show me  
I notice the way that you think you control me  
Doubting my future, you don't even know me  
But I, I never walked out on you

Raising the knife to a picture of a life  
(I once knew)  
There comes a time, compromising my life  
(Just won't do)

I cannot lie, I can't try anymore  
(To reach you)  
I just can't fight, raise the knife  
Raise the knife, cut through

Raising the knife to a picture of a life  
(I once knew)  
There comes a time, compromising my life  
(Just won't do)

I cannot lie, I can't try anymore  
(To reach you)  
I just can't fight, raise the knife  
And live my life without you

Raising the knife to a picture of a life  
There comes a time, compromising my life  
I cannot lie, I can't try anymore  
I just can't fight, raise the knife  
Raise the knife, raise the knife  
Raise the knife

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