

## Dream Theater "Repentance"

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Hello, mirror  
So glad to see you my friend, it's been a while

Staring at the empty page before me  
All the years of wreckage running through my head  
Patterns of my life I thought had torn me  
Revealing hurt for shame and deep lament

Overwhelming sorrow now absorbs me  
As the pen begins to trace my darkest past  
Signs throughout my life that should have warned me  
Of all the wrongs I've done for which I must repent

I once thought it better to regret  
Things that I have done, then haven't

Sometimes you've got to be wrong  
Learn the hard way  
Sometimes you've got to be strong  
When you think it's too late

Staring at the finished page before me  
All the damage now so clear and evident  
Thinking 'bout the dreaded task in store for me  
A bitter fear at the thought of my amends

Hoping that the step will help restore me  
To face my past and ask for forgiveness  
Cleaning up my dirty side of this un-swept street  
Could this be the begin of the end

I once thought it better to regret  
Things that I have done, then haven't

Sometimes you've got to be wrong  
Learn the hard way  
Just when you're through hanging on  
You're saved

If we are painstaking about this phase of our  
development  
We will be amazed before we are half way through

We are going to know a new freedom and a new  
happiness  
We will not regret the past nor wish to shut the door on  
it

We will comprehend the word serenity and we will know  
peace  
No matter how far down the scale we have gone  
We will see how our experience can benefit others  
That feeling of uselessness and self pity will disappear

We will lose interest in selfish things  
And gain interest in our fellows  
Self seeking will slip away  
Our whole attitude and outlook upon life will change

Fear of people and economic insecurity will leave us  
We will intuitively know how to handle situations  
Which used to baffle us, we will suddenly realize that  
God is doing for us what we could not do for ourselves

Misinterpreted promises, we think  
Helping for any one's touch  
For that to portray, I'm sure  
You're only one

You're only as sick as your secrets  
But the truth shall set you free  
The truth is the truth  
All you can do is live with it

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