

## Duncan Sheik "Better To Be Dead"

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I present to you a story  
Set upon a northern shore  
The denizens of lighthouse  
During times of war

The foolish things they did  
The foolish things they said  
I'm sure you will agree  
They would be better off dead

Lily keeps the lighthouse  
She's afraid of the unknown  
She's no ray of sunshine  
So mostly she's alone

And no one cares about her longing  
Or the dreams on which she's fed  
And though I'm sad to say it  
She would be better off dead

Next we have a sheriff  
Charles is his name  
He's something of a sideshow  
Every sheriff is the same

Will he stand for justice  
Or something else instead?  
Either way it hardly matters  
'Cause he's better off dead

When everything is done  
And everything is said  
Life is naught but pain  
It's better to be dead

Release your heavy heart  
Rest your weary head  
When all the world's at war  
It's better, it's better

Witness Yasujiro  
He hails from old Japan  
He searches for redemption  
In this strange and foreign land

And now he works for Lily  
To earn his daily bread  
But the most that one can say  
Is that he's better off dead

Please, welcome young Christopher  
He's come here on a train  
His father flew to heaven  
In a fiery aeroplane

He's come to live with Lily  
He's got visions in his head  
He may be our main attraction  
But he's better off dead

When everything is done  
And everything is said  
Life is naught but pain  
It's better to be dead

Release your heavy heart  
Rest your weary head  
When all the world's at war  
It's better to be dead

Everything is done  
All things have been said  
It's good to be a ghost  
It's better, it's better to be dead

It's good to be a ghost  
It's better to be dead

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