

## Fucked Up

### "Year Of The Tiger"

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Bristled by a peaceful air  
Wound up by the soft wind that berates his hair  
He'll sharpen his teeth on the sky  
A fire passes through a tiger's eye

As long as his days are old  
As old as his tail is white  
As white as his stripes are black  
As black as the ghosts that sulk through the night

He'll take you before you can see  
Him strike like thunder before lightning  
Goes the tiger burning through the night

Tear into the empty world  
Howl back at the sound of the void  
As tame as the wildest dream  
As soft as the loudest scream

Two eyes blink like stars in the dark  
A shudder of light that you drink and are marked  
The fear drips like blood from his teeth  
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Beneath him just violent thoughts  
Streaks of memories, prey he forgot  
His castle of gristle and bone  
The king sits on his throne afraid and alone

Between the earth and the sky  
A struggle on both sides  
The tiger lives afraid as the tiger dies

Chasing shadows across the sun  
Streaks of light he can't outrun  
Cut through the darkness like the shot from the  
hunter's gun

Stalking a naked terrain  
At the top of his barren chain  
No one left to remember his name

So he kills again

Lash out at the unknown  
Rank that is grown on the bone  
A company of order and flesh  
His foul caress

He rips the sun right out of the sky  
Clawing tears in the haze as the dark fills his eyes  
Blind to a merciless god  
Smothered by the facade

He'll take you before you can see  
Him strike like thunder before lightning  
Goes the tiger burning through the night

The king of the shortest stick  
The beast above with one last trick  
Sovereign of his defeat  
In the end it was bittersweet

Prostrate in a royal cower  
The cat is a mouse to the eyes in the tower  
His blood falls from the highest plateau  
Above as it is below

It takes him before he can see  
Pulls his shadow away right from under his feet  
Now the darkness is a part of the light  
As the tiger goes, burning in the night

Between the earth and the sky  
A struggle on both sides  
The tiger lives afraid as the tiger dies

Chasing shadows across the sun  
Streaks of light he can't outrun  
Cut through the darkness like the shot from a hunter's  
gun

Who is the beast,  
And who are the spoils?  
Who makes the trees  
Grow up from the soil?

And charges the sky  
With imperious fire  
Brutes in the dark  
Afraid of the sire...

Who is this beautiful beast

A tear of light on his teeth  
A fearful smile on his face  
Tokens of blood leave a trace

Whimper and bowed to the ground  
A scornful sun bearing down  
Grimace and howl through the pain  
Get up, get shot down again

Light drips like paint from heaven  
A shining pall on the horizon  
Life weeps away from his frame  
Stretched to the bone by the flame

Corrupt the stripes on his back  
And burn the white into black  
Iron imprisons his rage  
Violent stains colour a cage

So filled with sorrow  
So filled with hate  
Otherwise empty  
A relic of grace

Shot like an arrow  
His fateful arc  
He'll charge until  
He's lost in the dark

Bring down the father  
Who brought down the son  
A blinding madness  
He won't overcome

Strike out in anger  
Eclipsed by fear  
His last breath wasted  
The end is near...

Remember life as a king,  
The coil of life in the spring  
The silver stare of the stars  
Before the snare of the bars  
That deathly coddle of light  
Cut through the space of the night

So say goodbye grandfather  
The body spent to confer  
As the flesh kisses the earth  
His stripes dissolve to give birth  
To the beasts in the sky

That ride the tiger tonight...

Between the earth and the sun  
A struggle on both sides  
The tiger lives afraid as the tiger dies

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Streaks of light he can't outrun  
Cut through the darkness like the shot from a hunter's  
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