

## **If Hope Dies "A Prayer To Afflict The Comfortable"**

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it's so much easier  
to avert our eyes  
from all the suffering  
and injustices  
that permeate our lives  
to be in the midst of  
sickness and pain  
and always keep our  
eyes fixed ahead  
can only be explained  
away by killing  
your conscience  
because we all know  
that what we can't see  
is of no consequence

there is some truth to the doctrine  
that ignorance is no excuse  
by knowing nothing you are  
a silent partner in their abuse

so just close your eyes,  
so you don't have to see  
suffering out of sight,  
is more action out of mind

knowing what i know  
about man's inhumanity to man

i could only hate myself  
if i left these words unsaid  
don't be paralyzed by  
you're partnership in these crimes  
we have the chance to redeem  
ourselves for those who've died

to ignore all the signs  
that man is so unkind  
and partake in this culture of death  
makes all who don't acknowledge  
just as guilty

there's still so much to fight for  
even though this world  
seems rotten to it's core  
i know that life can spring anew  
from it's remains  
it's worth all we can do  
to see it through  
to better days

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