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"One Last Chance"

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I need another chance
I need one last chance
I've looked at myself
I don't like what I see
I need another chance
To try to do it right
I can do it right
If I have the strength
If I keep my will
If I direct my body
I can do it right
I need another chance
Because I looked at myself
And I'm goin wrong
But I can do it right
You can show me how
Like you did before
When I really needed to do it right
I was in a fix before
I was really in trouble
It was sharp and quick
It took me by surprise
And you helped me then
It was a matter of time
But this time it's different
It's been a growing thing
It wasn't sharp and quick
No no no no
It didn't take me by surprise
It came along slow and soft
It crept and I saw it all along the way
It came on bit by bit
And I knew it all along
The only difference is now
It's gone too far
It's gone too far
It almost seems irreversible
I need another chance
I wanna do it right
Cause when I looked at myself
It was going all wrong
I've got to change my style

I've got to do something different
I've got to be in my world
I've got to see what I see
I've got to hear what I hear
I've got to move through time
With me on my mind
You can forget the rest
Because if I think about it I'm gonna lose myself
And it'll be too late
Don't let it be too late now
Don't let it be too late now
I need another chance
Cause it's gone too far
I hope it's not irreversible
Let me stem the tide
Let me reverse this thing
Let me put my hand up and say
"Stop"
Even "Turn around, go back where you
came"
Give me another chance
Because I can do it right
I can do it right
I've got to do it right
Because if I don't I'm gone
I'm real gone
And I don't want to lose
All of my control
I wanna be the driver
The one ridin' in the trunk
With the rope around my feet and my hand
And a gag in my mouth
Don't wanna be kidnapped by
What? Who? Where?
I wanna move through time
With me on my mind
I wanna be the driver
I wanna say to my selves,
"Move like you should, assemble
yourselves
and do right for this body, this mind,
this soul, this spirit, this being"
I wanna live right
I wanna live so right
I don't wanna go wrong
And I see myself goin' wrong
So I've got to stop
I've got to summon my powers
I've got to drop off all the dead and dying
I got to cauterize my wounds
I got to stem the tide of the bad

I got to say
ÃfÂçâ, ¬Ã... "Stop, turn around
Go back to from where you cameÃfÂçâ, ¬Ã,Â
I wanna be right, you bad go back
Go back to from where you came
Bad bad, go back, bad bad, go back
I wanna be right
I wanna be right
I wanna control my body my soul my mind my spirit
I wanna be in charge
I wanna say it's like this
I wanna say it's like that
I don't wanna be told
Don't wanna be told
ÃfÂçâ, ¬Ã... "You gotta be like that
You gotta be like thisÃfÂçâ, ¬Ã,Â
Cause it don't help none
I know why I know where I know how
I know when I wanna be
I know what I wanna be
I know how I wanna be
I know when I wanna be
I know where I wanna be
I wanna be right in my own mind
If I can't be right
I'm gonna be gone
I don't wanna be gone
I just wanna be, me, here, now
Give me another chance
Give one more chance
And let me do right
Once and for all
All time eternally
I wanna be right eternally
I don't have to be alone
I can be alone
I don't have to be alone
But I can be alone
But I don't have to be alone
It doesn't matter
Right is right
It comes from outside, not from the outside
I wanna be right from the inside out
I want you to see
I want them to see
I want to be right for everyone to see
I wanna be right
For me, for you, for them, for the elements
For space, for time
Please give me another chance
Don't let it be gone

Don't it be the end of being right
I saw myself right
I let it go, give it back
Give me another chance, give it back
I let it go, give it back
Give me another chance
I wanna live right
I wanna live right
I wanna be in charge of my life
My death, my eternity
I wanna be right
And I'll do anything
I gotta summon my powers
I gotta be myself
I gotta have my will
I gotta be myself
I gotta get my strength
I gotta conquer these foes
I gotta beat up on bad
I gotta elevate the good
It's so easy to see
Bad and good, I can see
I can see what's bad and good
I can look I can tell I can judge
I can point my finger
And say "That's bad, that's
good"
And deep inside I know
I can't be wrong
If I'm right, give me another chance
I wanna be right
I wanna be right
I wanna be right
Give me another chance

Give me another chance
Give me another chance
Cause I looked at myself
And I saw bad
I looked at myself and I said
"Oh, is it too late?"
Is it too late?
Oh, please don't let it be too late
Don't let it be too late
Help me reverse this trend
Help me stem this tide
Help me put my hand down and say
"Stop, turn around,
Go back to from where you came"
Let me take the good
Let me put it in myself

Let me digest the good
Let me emanate the good
Let me be in control
Don't let this sickness take me over
Don't let these things get me down
Don't let these things take effect
Don't let em change me
And I don't mind if I change
But let it be good
Let me change to the good
Every time I change
Every second I move
Every time
I turn around
Kill the bad, kill em
Kill the bad
Kill the bad
Generate the good in me
Kill the bad things I got inside me
Let them die
They don't deserve, let em die
Just kill em
It ain't like killin' no
It's annihilation, extermination,
Elimination elimination
Eliminate the bad
Cast the bad
Eliminate the bad
I want to be good
I wanna be right
There's only one judge of that
I know I wanna be right
I gotta see myself right
I got to see myself
If I'm not right, why not?
Cause I did bad
Yeah, I did bad
And I'll tell you this
Bad is different for everyone that is different
And that's everyone and everything
So your bad's not my bad
But I got bad and you bad
Unless I don't know you like I know me
But I know me, and I got bad, and I got wrong
And I don't like it
And I want to eliminate it
I want it gone before I'm gone
I want bad to be gone before I'm gone
I don't want to be gone
I want bad to be gone so I can be
I don't be right

I wanna be right
Give me another chance
Give me another chance
I won't let you down, not this time
Three strikes and you're out
And I had one
And I hit a home run
But I stopped after first base
And hey, they,
They pushed me, they
They pushed and pulled
But they couldn't pull me any farther than that
Must of been fear
I think it was fear
Cause I had it made
I had the whole home run
But I missed it
Second time up
I hardly even swung
I didn't even try
I quit trying
I knew what I should be doin
Every once in a while
I'd touch my little toe in the water
But I never did jump in
I never did dive in to that water
And that's what I know I gotta do now
Cause if I don't do it now I'm gone
Because wrong is at the point
It's at the point of smothering me
Smoldering me, drowning me,
Putting me out
And I need to burn my flame
I need to ignite
I need to spark
I need to beam
I need to shine my light
Give me another chance to shine my light
I don't want to go down
I don't have to go down
Not if I got some will
And I got some power
And I got some strength
And I got some control
And I'm the driver
And I'm in charge
I can do it
I can do it
Hey, I got to do it
If I don't do it, I'm done
It's either do or be done

I'm not over yet
I'm not over
I'm never gonna be over
I'm never gonna end
I shall not end
I'm not gonna be gone
I'm gonna be forever
Eternally I shall be
And I'm not saying
That I always was
I'm saying I shall always be
And I make this decision now
I shall be
I want to do right
And there is no eye in this universe
That can tell me
What right is, because I know what right is
And I know what wrong is
By this time I know
Give me another chance
Give me another chance
I surely need your help
I surely need your help
To conquer death
To conquer evil
To conquer bad
I wanna be in charge
I wanna control my destiny
I wanna live up to my standards
I know it can be done
It came sharp and quick
And you helped me
And I conquered all
Now it's come slow and soft
And I need your help
For the last time
Cause if it's not this time
I believe it's never
And I can't face that
I don't have to face that
I demand your assistance
It only takes one word
And that word is yes
Give me your yes
And I'll give you mine
I gave you mine
I forgot it, and I'm sorry
But you hit me hard

