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"Sticks & Stones"

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Gather wood against the weather
Pile up stones against the sky
String of lights like pearls between us
And the heavens' blackest eye

Tell the hour
Go take another
Go down Moses
Without a fuss
Taken to the
Lawless water
And send that later boat for us

Chorus:
Sticks and stones
Blood ash and bone
I shake the tree
Swim out alone
Turnin' over the dark Missouri
Now that every new leaf I had
Is gone

Moon's near empty, a swinging saber
Keeping every prayer at bay
At the throat of love for ransom
From the dull approaching day

There's no law
That rides this border
No fences stretch this far
To show
How times will side
Against another
As one arrives and others go

(Chorus)

Whores are dressed in fire and feathers
On a beach, sit in a row
Climb the bank through scrub and tinder
Disappear where rabbits go

They had nothing
That I needed
But I gave them
All I had
Just to share
Some dirt between them
As we waited, smoked and laughed

(Chorus)
Now that every new leaf I had is gone x3

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