

## Joey Fatone

### "5 Stages of Death"

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There are five stages that one journeys through  
on the passage to the darkside.  
Fear...anger...remorse...acceptance...  
each stage more tormenting than the last.  
And it all begins with...

[Verse 1]

The first stage, denial, that of course is when people  
deny  
And lie to themselves like they ain't 'bout to die  
This shit get buckwild, I even seen people smile  
And joke-crack, not knowin' it's all 'bout to go black  
Niggas be like "Fuck that, man I can take it"  
Sixteen to your back? You ain't gon' make it  
You 'bout to die, and you the only one that don't know  
And here comes the ambulance ridin' all slow

"There you go. You'll be aight. Hear me? You'll be aight.  
Real niggas don't die! Real niggas don't fuckin' die!"

[Verse 2]

Next is anger, you start cursin' everybody out  
Even the paramedics too, 'cause now there's doubt  
In the back of your head, you think "Oh shit  
What if this is really it?" and start to bitch  
Fear, which brings us to number three on the list  
You seen your own blood, now you scared as shit  
In the background, you can hear the cops talk  
Sayin' "That's a damn shame why they're warmin' up  
the chalk"

"Dispatch, we got a 416, scuzzbucket with 14-17 holes  
in him.  
Doesn't look good. Think we're gonna need a  
bodybag." (zzzzzzzzzzzzzip)

[Verse 3]

Now here comes your girl, she wants to know why you  
can't get up  
The firemen grab her and tell her that you been hit up  
She drops down to her knees and screams out "Why?"

Now it's all dawnin' on you that (I think I'm 'bout to die)  
Four's remorse, got you feelin' sorry for the shit you  
did  
Now you realize what goes around comes back, kid  
Like when you shot up the block and hit three little kids  
You live by it, then you die by it, can you dig  
Yeah, thought your mama told ya  
But now I see you on the streets, you a thug, yeah you's  
a soldier  
Five's acceptance, when you take the acceptance  
Into your mind that your life is over

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