

Mary Chapin Carpenter "Dead Man Walking"

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You never had a dream like this
Never felt the cold cold steel
Slam you like a fist
Break you down until you kneel
Just like a beggar man
Asking only for redemption
All the things that can't
Make a man believe in heaven

Fix your eyes upon the bars
Memorize their other side
Like the tatoos on your arms
The brag so loud and tough that night
But now the truth comes out
Fast as feel can do your talking
It sets you free as one guard shouts
Dead man walking

When neither light nor darkness
When neither night or day
When neither kind nor heartless
When neither lost or saved
When neither still or moved
When neither held or free
Oh to be so human

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Somewhere in a dream like this where
Light of love leads us home
Broken worlds will not be fixed
if vengeance take us as thy own
We're just like beggars now

On our knees we hear our names
God forgives somehow
We have yet to learn to save

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