

Mason Jennings

"Wake Up"

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I drink a bottle everyday then step on the stage.
I first knew something was wrong when I was half my
age.

One night while I was singing, I started to laugh,
I couldn't stop laughing for a week and a half.

I'll never forget the girl in the first row,
She said, "But it's not funny."
I said, "I know."

So I went to a shrink and he said to me,
"Just don't drink when you're nervous,
That's the key."
And I said, "Okay, that sounds fine."
I didn't tell him I was nervous all the time.

So I kept on drinking,
And I kept on thinking.

Wake up, you're dying now.
You should be dead,
But you're not somehow.
You think you're being brave,
But you're digging a grave.
You talk like a master,
But you live like a slave.

I started meditating, that worked for a while.
I spent a lot of time alone,
And I forgot how to smile.
I went to church, I'd just sit there and stew.
Thinking, "How can all these people believe things that
aren't true."

It seems to work well for them, why can't I?
I guess it's 'cause I'm special
'Cause I'm too smart a guy.
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I decided that I couldn't do it alone.
I called a guy I know on a telephone.
I told him all I ever wanted was to be perfect.
I sure as hell don't wanna be an alcoholic.

Acceptance is a doorway to hell,
If you're on the wrong side,
Things don't go so well.
So I accepted who I am, and named my disease,
And finally felt relief, and got down on my knees.

Wake up, you're living now.
You've been gone so long, do you remember how?
Just be yourself, that's being brave
You're not the master,
But you sure ain't the slave.
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