

Matisyahu **"Aish Tamid"**

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The place lays phased like a warrior slayed
Engraved into the space with his sword still raised
Layers of charcoal sprayed through hallways
Praise relays off the walls echoin' always

Dirt covered earth lays beneath my rib cage
Givin' birth to overgrowth invadin' on to path ways
Burnt out trees cover streets where children once
played
Sown seeds decay through sacred steppin' stones in
disarray

Where the alter used to be placed
Interchanged for bloodstains
Sunrays illuminate smoke filled haze
Trace of incense, scents of sacrifice stayed

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Flashback, patches of grass growin' wild in fact
Cracked walls burnt black like a kingdom sacked
Memories like artifacts attacked yet still intact
Melodies wrapped in glass shatter with the impact

Air interminglin', ringin' with the singin'
Of songs once sung, flung, hung into the rafters
Catastrophe struck, the sound stuck, disaster plastered
The aftermath a blasted buildin' still standin'

Like a starved man fasting the skies expandin'
Clouds passin', dust particles dancin' in broken bars of
light
Streamin' from a shaft slashed into the ceilin'
Shh, you could feel the ground breathin'

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Daughter of Zion is lyin' cryin' in the mist
Mornin' light slips in siftin' through the darkness
Like a mornin' wife reminisce
Having visions of her long gone prince

Memory drips, rain drops tip
Towin' emptiness
Intermixed with tears
Like fears left unfixed

Walls worn thin, frozen fortress
Like dawn waitin' for a day that got skipped
Like a life gone wrong wanderin' wilderness
Lovesick stripped abyss [Incomprehensible] once
luscious

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Paint the scene, so you can see city pickin' up speed
On a bench 14th street, taxis streamin' yellow streaks
Spears piercing through my ears, you could hear the
traffic speak
Jack hammers drill smackin' through the sizzling
concrete

Windowsills spilling tangled telephone wires
Signs sparking neon lights flashin' like wildfire
My insides rise, I start to feel paralyzed
Let out a sigh, a melody blew by like an ancient war cry

Sunlight hit the trees, it really caught my eye
Glistenin', listenin' to the breeze
Dancin' through the trees, freeze
The city goes in slow motion like a dream

I'm left empty like a temple turned into a fox den
Bus fumes drippin', spittin' into city summer sun
Siftin' through the ash
Dimly lit vision listenin'

To the hiss liftin' off a nighttime ocean

Shim, shim, shimmerin', singein' hair on my skin
Whispering where ya been?
Glim, glim, glimmerin'

From amidst the darkness set sail with the softness
Breeze travelin' across the seas arisen from within Mt.
Zion
Wind comin' in, pickin' up momentum
Cuttin' crisply through the darkness ridin' on a rhythm

A rollercoaster sizzlin'
Twistin' down the mountain
Rippin' rocket ship explodin' like a fountain
Overflowin', spillin' through the courtyard of Jerusalem

Uncoverin' debris, liftin' up the fallen arisen within'
To reach the yiddin
Even in Manhattan, exposed Menorah
Glowin' in the shadows of destruction

Trailblazin' through affliction
Brushin' off the branches
Golden standin' strong, flames dancin'
Like a lion roarin', risin' out of nothin'

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