

## Agalloch "Charlie's Song"

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A friend named Charlie told me a story one day

As we were talking over a beer

How he'd sit as kid at the stadium

From outside the fence he would cheer

The price of a ticket was too much to bear

Besides, you could see the game from out there

And now you're back and you can't help but to pretend..

Back to where you started once again..

He'd done many a hard job and wore many a scar

It was the only life he ever knew

That one question never really hounded him

How could so much belong, to so few

You have got to make due with what you can get

There ain't no use in carryin' a load of regret

And now you're back and you can't help but to pretend..

Back to where you started once again..

Of the worst situation he would never complain

For what is there to say?

In a world where judges reservations of you

Are fit to mold like clay

His world his judges could never conceive

All that they can see is all that they can believe

And now you're back and you can't help but to pretend..

Back to where you started once again..

To be legit is for all you can hope to ask

Against the hard blown winds of circumstance

Where the same one who robs you

Is from who you can steal

The whole situation becomes cruel and unjust

To all involved parties that just do what they must

And now you're back and you can't help but to pretend..

Back to where you started once again..

Now it seems Charlie has dropped out of line

On a side road he's now tired enough to pursue

It's the road from rags to riches

But it ain't no park avenue

You have got so many hard years upon your soul

You can't stop now, you're on a roll

And now you're back and you can't help but to pretend..

Back to where you started once again..

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