

Stephen Trask "Tear Me Down"

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Ladies and gentlemen,
whether you like or not
HEDWIG!

I was born on the other side
of a town ripped in two
I made it over the great divide
now I'm coming for you

Enemies and adversaries
they try and tear me down
You want me, baby, I dare you
Try and tear me down

I rose from off of the doctor's slab
like Lazarus from the pit
Now everyone wants to take a stab
and decorate me
with blood graffiti and spit

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On August 12, 1961,
a wall was erected
down the middle of the city of Berlin.
The world was divided by a cold war
and the Berlin Wall
was the most hated symbol of that divide
Reviled. Graffitied. Spit upon.
We thought the wall would stand forever,
and now that it's gone,
we don't know who we are anymore.
Ladies and Gentlemen,
Hedwig is like that wall,
standing before you in the divide
between East and West,
Slavery and Freedom,
Man and Woman,
Top and Bottom.

And you can try to tear her down,
but before you do,
remember one thing.

Listen

There ain't much of a difference
between a bridge and a wall
Without me right in the middle, babe
you would be nothing at all

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