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Sting "I Been Down So Long"

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The sun sets across the ocean I'm a thousand mile from anywhere And my pocketbook in my heart Both just got stolen And the sun act like she don't even care The wind blows cold when you reach the top Feels like somebody's face is stuck to the bottom of my shoe Got a plastic jesus, a cordless telephone for every corner of my room Got everybody but you tellin' me what to do

Well I've been down so long It can't be that much longer still And I've been down for so long That the end must be drawing near

I looked to everybody but me To answer my prayers Until I found an angel in the bathroom Who said she didn't see anybody who was saving anywhere And the blind man said, "simple... like flipping a coin -Don't matter what side it lands on So long as it's somebody else's dime" Cause if you're the top of the bottom It all feels the same We live out of fear if we're too rich or we're too poor Guess all I can do is muster up some change

And a little bit of faith And take some dignity when I walk through this door

Gonna take a trip Catch a train Got a ticket in my hand And then a fat man takes my money And like cattle we all stand I'm just a faceless body lost in this vast and worthless sea In a thousand people I do not know But really they are no different from me They all have passion They all have fear They all have intense confusion And no sweet moments that are clear They all have aspirations High hopes and dreams And are really that alone like me

We've been down so long It can't be that much longer still We've been down so long That the end must be... The end must be... The end must be drawing near

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