

# Sting "Inside"

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Inside the doors are sealed to love  
Inside my heart is sleeping  
Inside the fingers of my glove  
Inside the bones of my right hand  
Inside it's colder than the stars  
Inside the dogs are weeping  
Inside the circus of the wind  
Inside the clocks are filled with sand  
Inside she'll never hurt me  
Inside the winter's creeping  
Inside the compass of the night  
Inside the folding of the land

Outside the stars are turning  
Outside the world's still burning

Inside my head's a box of stars I never dared to open  
Inside the wounded hide their scars, inside this  
lonesome sparrow's fall  
Inside the songs of our defeat, they sing of treaties  
broken  
Inside this army's in retreat, we hide beneath the  
thunder's call

Outside the rain keeps falling  
Outside the drums are calling  
Outside the flood won't wait  
Outside they're hammering down the gate

Love is the child of an endless war  
Love is an open wound still raw  
Love is a shameless banner unfurled  
Love's an explosion,  
Love is the fire of the world  
Love is a violent star  
A tide of destruction  
Love is an angry scar  
A violation, a mutilation, capitulation, love is  
annihilation.

Inside the failures of the light, the night is wrapped  
around me

Inside my eyes deny their sight, you'd never find me in  
this place  
Inside we're hidden from the moonlight, we shift  
between the shadows  
Inside the compass of the night, inside the memory of  
your face

Outside the walls are shaking  
Inside the dogs are waking  
Outside the hurricane won't wait  
Inside they're howling down the gate

Love is the child of an endless war  
Love is an open wound still raw  
Love is a shameless banner unfurled  
Love's an explosion,  
Love is the fire at the end of the world  
Love is a violent star  
A tide of destruction  
Love is an angry scar  
The pain of instruction  
Love is a violation, a mutilation, capitulation,  
Love is annihilation.

I climb this tower inside my head  
A spiral stair above my bed  
I dream the stairs don't ask me why,  
I throw myself into the sky

Love me like a baby, love me like an only child  
Love me like an ocean; love me like a mother mild  
Love me like a father, love me like a prodigal son  
Love me like a sister, love me like the world has just  
begun  
Love me like a prodigy, love me like an idiot boy,  
Love me like an innocent, love me like your favorite toy  
Love me like a virgin, love me like a courtesan,  
Love me like a sinner, love me like a dying man.

Annihilate me, infiltrate me, incinerate me, accelerate  
me, mutilate me, inundate me, violate me, implicate  
me, vindicate me, devastate me

Love me like a parasite, love me like a dying sun  
Love me like a criminal, love me like a man on the run

Radiate me, subjugate me, incubate me, recreate me,  
demarcate me, educate me, punctuate me, evaluate  
me, conjugate me, impregnate me, designate me,  
humiliate me, segregate me, opiate me, calibrate me,  
replicate me

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