

## Worship

# "All I Ever Knew Lie Dead"

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[Qorban:]

"Through blood and thorns I wandered,  
Freezing, aching, bound for a ruined cathedral below.  
All is dead, look! Only rust, and debris,  
And shells of stone remain, drowning in ashes, a  
S if we had never been. Everyone I had ever known.  
Everyone I'd ever meet.  
Everyone I ever loved.  
Gone with the centuries, lost under a sea of ashes."

Only now when every chance  
To belong  
Is bitterly gone  
I feel I do

For the very first time  
I understand  
The gift we had  
Now forever gone

All I ever knew lie dead  
And their epitaphs the ashes guard  
Must I live to mourn the world  
Or find reunion once the ashes part

For I am chosen  
To speak  
At the open grave  
Of each and everyone

How can I mourn  
For every man?  
May I soon  
Lie with them

[Qorban:]

"How can I go on, when all I have is a grave?  
When one place is as good as another,  
To lie down and belatedly join where I belong. Let it end  
here, with me."

This unearthly knell

A deadly gale, or  
A grace of life?

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