

## My Ruin

### "By My Own Hand"

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As I lay down  
My aching flesh embraced the wasted ground  
The fading day retreats again  
The fearless night will follow

Consuming life-like shadows  
There's nothing more to see

The hollow world  
That lies beyond my reach  
Within the other sad souls dwell  
Without a place for me

Consuming life-like shadows  
There's nothing more to see

The braided web beneath my skin  
The fragile veil that holds me in  
And when it's lifted from my eyes  
No more illusion, no disguise

And in the shroud of my despair  
No hope, no light, no prayer.

I see the strangers stand and stare  
The secrets of my heart laid bare  
Their cold hard hands concede no care  
And now I see I am alone

For all but one a faceless man  
Who whispers softly in my ear  
Confides in me the hollow truth  
As empty as my broken form  
Left as my soul prepares to flee  
And now I see I am alone

I lie alone  
My sallow flesh no longer can I call my own  
A fate enthrals those gathered round  
By my own hand, by my own hand

And as oblivion, once welcome  
Now unfurls before me  
An endless void, a fallen pride  
From here there's but one road

And as the snow begins to fall like ash around me  
To conceal my mortal shame  
My instinct screams to pull myself back  
From the point of no return

My frozen limbs lie at my side  
My weakened heart is almost still  
The dimming of my troubled thoughts  
The raging of an iron will

Raging for a life soon cast aside  
No resolution with it's end  
Weeping for the lives they lived in vain  
No choice in death, no chance to mend

And through the burning tears that never fall  
I find my sight slowly restored  
What once seemed a desperate flight  
Morphs into a fate abhorred

And then I find a calm resolve  
Heavy eyes stung by the hungry cold  
Faltering I walk away  
By my own hand

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