

## The Mars Volta

### "Imago"

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My anguish told you  
A persistent lie

The parasitic circuits that you push by wheel  
Were spoken to me every time

And like a charlatan  
You counterfeit the vessels through flesh and time

These pacts we keep in secret  
Are drinking from a well that was cured by drought

My torment adores you  
When my strings are tied

Out of compulsion I must decimate  
The sapless embryonic miles

And like a charlatan  
You counterfeit the vessels through flesh and time

These pacts we keep in secret  
Are drinking from a well that was cured by drought

My knives are burrowed voices  
Twisted by the handle so they won't let go

These limbs are idle creatures  
Extensions of a spirit that has no control

My heart is trapped inside  
And I refuse to accept this throne

My night's unfolding  
Reads like a page of test results

This sterile codex  
Is missing all my life's resolve

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