## NoMeansNo "What Slayde Says"

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Slayde is my buddy, my pal, he is my brother I am one, he is the other When the sun shines, he is my shadow And when the moon is high, it's at his feet I lie But I'll never listen to what Slayde says I'll never listen to what Slayde says Slayde's always talking, and it's rarely nice He's always whispering his poisonous advice He is secretive, ruthless and cold He mentions just enough and leaves the rest untold He said, "Don't ever risk an open attack, just smile Into their faces and then stab them in the back" But Slayde, I said, what about the weak, The helpless and the small? He just sneered and said, "Fuck 'em all, fuck 'em all" He said I am a murderer, although I've killed no one You talk in puzzles Slayde, I said, what have you really done?

"I've cut the twining cord, I've shot the turtle dove, I've shut out that precious light that shines from above" Slayde, you are a poet, I said But what are you truly speaking of? He smiled and whispered, "I murdered love" He smiled and whispered, "I murdered love" I guess I hate him, no, that's not really true He's not completely bad, sometimes he'll crack a joke or two

I guess I've grown accustomed to his funny ways
It's not his fault that he was made that way
I hear him in my sleep, I see him in my dreams
I see him crouched before some terrible machine
And then I face a mirror and he steps in between
Can you tell me, what does this mean?
Can you tell me, what does this mean?
Now I lay me down to sleep
And pray to God my soul to keep
If I should die before I wake
You'll know I've made my escape
But there is one step I'll never take
I'll never listen to what a Slayde says...
(all songs written by NoMeansNo, 1988)

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