

## Redemption

# "The Fullness Of Time"

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[I. Rage:]

Struck down by the persons that I trusted  
Robbed of dignity and left for dead  
I can feel unmeasurable anger building in me  
Emptiness and rage begin to burn inside my head  
Once I was a person without malice  
Once my heart bled red instead of black  
Friends with one hand held behind their backs carried  
knives  
Didn't see the blades 'till they were buried in my back  
Sleep with one eye open  
Knowing that I'm watching you  
Listen for my footsteps on every darkened street  
Like a call for help unanswered  
You can scream but no one hears your voice  
No one there to save you  
As I take my just revenge  
I can hear your laughter  
I can see you think you've won  
But I don't know how you live  
With no remorse for what you have done  
You claimed you were my friend  
All the while you planned to murder me  
You claimed that I imagined all the things you'd done  
to me  
You'll pay for being so destructive  
You'll beg for compassion  
But I've nothing left to give

[II. Despair:]

Left now  
Alone with your betrayal  
There's no way to feel secure  
Anymore  
Broken  
Crushed in soul and spirit  
With no way to set things right again  
Gone  
You have stolen everything I ever had  
And I'm left with nothing more than pain

And I know I'll never trust the way taht I once did  
You have taken all my dreams  
And turned them to ashes in my mouth  
Starving  
Searching for some comfort  
Left to choke on my despair  
Blinded  
My faith and friendship shattered  
And my life beyond repair

[III. Release:]

Lying here surrounded  
By the pieces of my life  
Would it all be easier  
If I lay be down to die  
Dreams piled high  
On the back of this broken man  
Is this all? Born to fall?  
Or to rise again?  
So much pain and disillusionment  
Everything I once felt sure about  
We're all lost if we don't know  
It's all a game that we are playing  
The motions of all our counterparts  
A piece of sinsiter scheme  
The puppet that's broken has reason to smile  
They can no longer force him to dance on their strings  
Why shrug off the chains? If you wrap them about  
You'll be sunk to the bottom and drowning  
The clockwork behind their smiles  
Wound by hands that were made to harm  
Just release yourself  
Cause they can't rape the willing  
Or take waht you have if there's nothing else  
Tired of life and filled with despair  
And covered with blood from the crosses I bear  
But I'm still standing  
SHould I make myself crawl?  
Seems so counter to our nature  
Accepting with grace the things we can't change  
But when all's said and done and you're wronged and  
deceived  
Then it matters tha most what you choose to believe  
Should I fight against fate  
Or should I just lay down and die?  
The puppet that's broken has reason to smile  
But the strings can't control you if you walk away  
No more tears of disillusionment  
I'll be a puppet no longer  
The hands that I thought had held me

The clockwork behind their smiles  
They'll not have control over me  
I'll stand up and leave them behind  
Just release yourself  
Cause they can't rape the willing  
Or take what you have if there's nothing else  
Tired of life and filled with despair  
And covered with blood from the crosses I bear  
But I'm still standing  
Should I make myself crawl?  
Just release yourself  
When you're wounded by no one else  
Rise above pain, most past my despair  
And put down the cross that I've made myself bear  
Now I'm still standing  
And I'm not gonna crawl

[IV. Transcendence:]

Now  
The smoke finally cleared  
And I can see the wreckage of my past that lies about  
me  
Now  
It's all become so clear  
And I have learned the  
Truth behind the lies and seen the lies within the truth  
Everything in context finally makes sense  
I see the paths I walked  
Some I paved myself  
Some where I went gladly  
Some against my will  
I  
Can leave behind the fear and doubt  
And cast aside the shackles and the chains  
Of flawed assumptions I learned as a child  
I can't let them distract me  
So I'm Putting aside the memories  
Of the things I never had but thought I wanted  
Now  
My notions of what makes relationships have a new  
light  
I have gained an understanding  
No more false facades  
Covering my feelings  
Preventing a connection  
I've been spending my whole life pursuing those who  
built this cell  
Lamenting all the hateful things that happened to me  
Never thought to look at how I might have played a part  
in who I am

Or what it means to lose the game before it starts  
Now I know that I cannot turn back and change the past  
And that the only choice to save myself  
Is changing what I carry from it  
Everything I did to myself  
Everything that's been done to me  
I'll turn my back on that and walk away  
And left with only me  
At last I see the answer and what I need to be  
Letting go  
I destroy my shell  
Embrace my heart  
And free myself  
The point of the search, may not be the answer  
The value of a want, is not always a need  
Still I stand, I'm not going to crawl  
Now I know, I've got to believe  
Once I was a person without malice  
Once my heart bled red instead of black  
Openness and introspection now show me the way  
To reclaim all I've lost and take it back  
You may have taken everything I ever had  
But you cannot take my future  
Just release yourself  
All I was and  
All that I'll ever be  
Finally are integrated  
And I am whole again  
Now I know the reason for the suffering  
I'm a better person for having known the pain  
A better person having overcome the pain

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