

## Relient K "Deathbed"

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I can smell the death on the sheets  
Covering me  
I can't believe this is the end

But this is my deathbed  
I lie here alone  
If I close my eyes tonight  
I know I'll be home

The year was nineteen forty one  
I was eight years old and  
Far, far too young  
To know that the stories  
Of battles and glory  
Was a tale a kind mother  
Made up for her son  
You see  
Dad was a traveling preacher  
Teaching the words of the Teacher  
My mother had sworn he  
Went off to the war  
And died there with honor  
Somewhere on a beach there  
But he left once to never return  
Which taught me that I should unlearn  
Whatever I thought a father should be  
I abandoned that thought  
Like he abandoned me

By forty seven I was fourteen  
I'd acquired a taste for liquor and nicotine  
I smoked until I threw up  
Yet I still lit 'em up  
For thirty more years  
Like a machine

So right there you have it  
That one filthy habit  
Is what got me where I am today

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I can hear those sad memories  
Still haunting me  
So many things  
I'd do again

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I got married on my twenty first  
Eight months before my wife would give birth  
It's easier to be sure you love someone  
When her father inquires with the barrel of a gun  
The union was far from harmonious  
No two people could have been more alone than us  
The years would go by and she'd love someone else  
And I realized I hadn't been loved yet myself

From there it's your typical spiel  
Yeah if life was a highway  
I was drunk at the wheel  
I was seeing the loose ends  
All fall apart  
Yeah I swear I was destined to fail  
And fail from the start

I bowled about six times a week  
The bottle of Beam kept the memories from me  
The marriage had taken a seven-ten split  
And along with my pride the ex-wife took the kids

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I was so scared of Jesus  
But He sought me out  
Like the cancer in my lungs  
That's killing me now  
And I've given up hope

On the days I have left  
But I cling to the hope  
Of my life in the next  
Then Jesus showed up  
Said, "Before we go up  
I thought that we might reminisce  
See one night in your life  
When you turned out the light  
You asked for and prayed for my forgiveness"

You cried wolf  
The tears they soaked your fur  
The blood dripped from your fangs  
You said, "What have I done?"  
You loved that Lamb  
With every sinful bone  
And there you wept alone  
Your heart was so contrite

You said, "Jesus, please forgive me of my crimes  
Sanctify this withered heart of mine  
Stay with me until my life is through  
And on that day please take me home with you"

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I can't believe this is the end  
I can hear You whisper to me,  
"It's time to leave  
You'll never be lonely again"

But this was my deathbed  
I died there alone  
When I closed my eyes tonight  
You carried me home

[Jon Foreman of Switchfoot sings, as the voice of  
Jesus:]

I am the Way  
Follow Me  
And take My hand  
And I am the Truth  
Embrace Me and you'll understand  
And I am the Light  
And for Me you'll live again  
For I am Love  
I am Love  
I, I am Love

