

## **Rocky Votolato**

# **"Secrets of a Salesman"**

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These baby secrets have grown into children  
Through dirty adolescence and now into manhood  
I locked the basement door and broke off the skeleton  
key  
But it made no difference still they travel with me  
Even though I killed them, they haunt me and they help  
me

Remember the lies in the shadows, the practiced  
charades  
My hands are an axe chopping at the roots  
Of the only family tree that could ever bear fruit  
To cripple you, to make sure that you never reproduce  
Another heart of lies or house of haunted rooms

The arrow is thrown into your back  
Nothing has ever been so distant and weak  
Dreaded words whispered under her breath  
"You're just like your father", your ocean is a drop of  
water

Tightly woven wire mesh beneath the broken salesman  
As he's rolling down the conveyor belt  
The product is almost ready to be shipped out the door  
Out into the world to make a living  
Selling plastic faces to everyone who needs ?em

To forget the lies in the shadows, the practiced  
charades  
The enemy will make sure the ties on straight  
It's always best to make an impression of wealth  
No matter how much hatred and debt is boiling  
beneath the surface  
"I love you", spills like vomit from her lips

The arrow is thrown into your back  
Nothing has ever been so distant and weak  
The dreaded words whispered under her breath  
"You're just like your father", your ocean is a drop of  
water

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Forget the lies in the shadows, don't forget me

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