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"Happiness"

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I wish that I could show you all I've seen
I've been well educated in sadness, I've learned all I
need
And I've felt the tug of fame, I've been soft spoken
I've watched the hills all burning down
I've felt the fear split wide open,
And I used to watch the sun set on the bay
In the vivid colors of depression, in the light of fading
day,
And I tried so goddamned hard to be satisfied
With what filled my eyes

I didn't want to live a long life, if you understand
You only feel what you feel, it's so impossible to plan
To live a long life when the whole world holds you down
When every hope casts a shadow of doubt
I didn't want to live a long life, but I'll do my best
In any moment to get a little happiness
'Cause you get what you get, I guess

So I make a worry and I pick it til it bleeds
I carry it with me as I'm driving down those cracked
and busted streets
Where the kids standing on the corner smoking
Have all been locked up, all been knocked up,
Grown up hard in East Oakland
And I know to them that my life must seem tame
But everybody's heaviest worry, it still weighs the same
And I feel the tension rise as I pass by
You can see it in their eyes

They don't expect to live a long life and hey I
understand
You only see what you see it's so impossible to plan
To live a long life when the whole world holds you down
When every hope casts a shadow of doubt
They don't expect to live a long life and me I do my
best
In any moment, to get a little happiness
'Cause you get what you get, I guess

With all that said I can always say some more
I feel you busting off the hinges on this long locked up
door
And the stakes have never ever felt so high
I want to factor you into my dreams, I want you to build
me in your life
I want to know you got my back through anything
But you gotta be patient, baby, this is all new to me
And I'm scared though you know I wouldn't lie
Look into my eyes

You make me want to live a long life if it's by your side
I want to know you want it too, I want nothing to hide
To live a long life, well that's the hope
But the future isn't yours or mine to know
You make me want to live a long life, and I'll do my best
In any moment, to give you a little happiness
But you get who you get, I guess

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