

## The Velvet Teen

### "Chimera Obscurant"

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two eyes doesn't mean double vision  
i never questioned this stance but now  
i've been seeing things  
i can hear a voice in the distance  
trying to turn my attention to their truth  
someone's moving behind the curtain  
i point it out to my friends  
but they don't see a thing  
i just keep my synaptic active  
to prepare for the day that they do  
cos this ain't how it ends  
and they'll say\*  
let's hear it  
for the post-moderation  
for tolled salivation  
who cares so much about these things  
availed denomination  
the 'so shall' domination  
\*now i think it's funny i feel distant  
i'd run away if it'd make any difference  
i'd look up my childhood crushes  
but they've all have their own children since  
and even if their hearts tarnish  
they've gold wedding bands to hide the green  
pearly gates to show from her past or his mouth  
he too bears the burden of a bulbous belly  
yeah, yeah, i know, i know this veil ain't real  
and still it never fails to fall or send me reeling  
i awaken to the same ceiling  
and i can't seem to shake this sick feeling

i don't need surgery to keep my smile fixed  
ever confidant, never nervous  
for i feel nothing  
i work hard and come from a respected family  
we take care of each other, we do  
we won't live until we shed this skin  
oh, to be free again  
a vestige interest in the instrumental moment  
you'll know it when  
now all the pieces keep falling faster

your letters spelling disaster  
i wish i was in paris getting plastered  
cos all this masquerading's started my facade fading  
turned my quiet heart to hating  
whatever  
it is that we've been waiting for (it)  
when they'll say\*  
let's hear it  
for drained health and elation  
brain cell annihilation  
who cares so much about these things  
pupil dilation  
more light to the patient  
\*that every word that i'm speaking  
will poison the chance that you're listening  
i know that you think you'd be missing out  
with an answer  
that we can't make out or make up  
but even if we black out and break up  
it's just a breath 'fore we're looking back, laughing out  
cos every end's a beginning, beggin' to get back in  
you know i'll come around, if you just let me sleep in  
with each wave more violent than the last  
i'll keep my thoughts silent till they pass  
we're not ready yet  
they'll say you've got to build your tolerances now and  
then  
make your heart a callus with thicker skin  
i just can't seem to shake this (sic) feeling

the more they interfere to forestall me  
the clearer i hear her calling me, calling me  
i must have struck a nerve cos someone's following me  
i pull over to the shoulder of the freeway  
my history profiled on the licensed registry  
the shepherd keeps a careful eye on his personal  
inventory  
saying we're the same

so come on, child, you've slept enough  
and i know you're tired but i'm waking you up  
there is much to be done, and we're right on the cusp  
of this shit getting real, i'm mean really, really fucked  
every sheep for the shearing waiting around non-  
plussed  
trading branding irons for brand-name cuts  
we were born in labor, baptized in dust  
given life anew as a living trust  
with every hair numbered and cross-referenced  
for each soul they claim to save, they have added  
interest

with a price on your head, what you think matters not  
every credit card statement, every lie you've bought  
rates our exchanged faith for the next fiat  
on the blotter paper, the blood don't clot  
it just bleeds you dry and then leaves you to rot  
in a dead end job till at last you drop  
into this old noose, with the rope drawn taut  
left with your hands bound so they'll never be caught  
you may sabotage our education  
to a calculated chaos born of confusion  
a controlled market through the inflation  
truly euthanasia to waste on the young  
but, we've caught you now, and we're cutting your  
funds  
we outnumber you over a million to one  
it's a sharp weapon, but the point's left blunt  
there's no skill to the game, no challenge to the hunt  
with each target deaf, blind, and reticent  
got your ducks in line for the same false front  
cos when free will costs even ten percent  
false tongues speak lies over catholic hunts  
from the cathepsin to the cathexis  
i'll bear the stigmatic focus of the anti-catechist  
with each catalytic pill slowly slitting my wrists  
so when i raise my hand, see my bloody fist  
may have killed brain cells, but i've kept my wits  
and i'd rather go sooner to have known and said this  
i've peaked at the end, where the answer sits  
all the rest is just problems and more questions  
hear the classes getting loud and the teacher getting  
pissed  
in the end this pattern goes 666  
soon my name's showing up on every government list  
free speech shouldn't cost, let alone be a risk  
so when i die young, it'll prove me right  
cos it won't be pills, swear it won't be the knife  
no matter how hard it gets, i'm in this for life  
and i'm never giving up till we make things right  
god gave me this voice, so i can't stay quiet  
they can't kill this love, i'll come back to fight  
to return each star and remove each stripe  
from each prism cell, we'll refract the light  
to reveal each move, catch the thieves in the night  
make them share what's left and return our rights  
though it may still shine from a hormone diet  
this knowledgeable fruit's grown overripe  
and robbed his breath, birth absorbed he  
when the planets line up, every eye shall see  
that this invite-only disparity party  
has brought enough despair to the already broken-  
hearted

in the wake of greed, in the name of flow-charting  
leaving broken-homes where once were gardens  
see it's our pale horse that we're riding in on  
bringing pestilence as a plague of love  
with hell at our heels and heaven catching on  
it's the hanged man, it's the crux fiction  
it's the pentagram, it's the pentagon  
it's david's star, it's the pyramid song  
what was once upright  
now is upside down  
and isaiah, it's a revelation  
2368, 2701  
means a way out  
and if i can, you know i'm bringing everyone

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