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"The Obsolete Man"

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I am a man
I strive to survive as best I can
In bed I lie as I wonder why
What it means in this world to live then die
Suicidal thoughts play across my mind
In a bind I wish I could fade sometimes
Flee out to sea like a lost memory
Or a dark fantasy that could never be
Anger would then was away like rain
How can it stain my heart with pain
Please tell me why Kenny had to die
He was way too young to be where he lies
While another friend suffers endlessly
Her body afflicted with HIV
Miss my dog with her head in my lap
Can still see her on the floor collapsed
At night demons attack my sleep
Nightmares cast from the shadow deep
Moments in time slipping by
As few have your back but many deny

I'm punchin the clock and hole in my walls
Wonder if God is there when I fall
Only when I die will my dues be paid
Upon wages of sin will I be weighed
I'm not obsolete cause I'm alive
Through the gate of death I do survive
Past the dark fold there's a light to behold
There's a mission in life that remains untold
The path I choose I cannot lose
There's somethin' to learn here before I'm through

With no demand let my mind expand
'Cause every life on Earth is part of a plan
The joys in life come by surprise
Upon this truth sanity lies
Think of my best days there's more to come
Think of my victories yet to be one
Think of my loves yet to be found
Think of my friends gathered 'round
The worth of life is not measured by days

One can live long yet trapped by a barricade

Follow my dreams no matter the cost
Try to move forward even when lost
What is known is life is a loan
At the end of the road is a gravestone
Like a man on the edge with nothin' to lose
I see and do what I wish to do
'Cause I'm all in with a short stack
Never look back if it turns out whack
With this life we breathe comes mystery
Shadows cast on reality
Don't you hear the ghostly calls
Transcending from beyond our walls
There's a world out there beyond our own
A place human eyes will never know
Angel's watch from beyond the grave
Follow your soul if you wanna be saved
I've seen miracles before my eyes
Hope their revealed when I die
As the circle of life ends where it began
I am a man

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