

ASCENSION

PART 1

Ascension

Old man, what have you done?
Where is the reason, what have you begun?
As this world goes to seed
Don't you smile back at me

Old man, don't cry for me
My conscience is clear, I know who I am
As this world cries in need
Don't you smile back at me

It's all an illusion, nothing is real anymore
It's all just sensation to keep us at war
You hunger fulfillment like a hungry whore

Old man, what happened to you?
Old man, your days are few

And our children rise again
And the brave will succeed
Don't you smile back at me
Don't you smile back at me.

Snowblind

One rock and I'm on the crazy train
Strung out and hung out to dry
Lines of moon dust laid out like a daisy chain
I'm snowblind
I think I'm snowblind.

Sleepless and wild as a raging bull
Unafraid and maligne
Rampant and hungry, just an ageing fool
I'm snowblind
I think I'm snowblind

The first time it hits you
You stumble and fall
The second one doesn't hurt at all
There's pain in the ecstasy
There's a thrill in the fear
You buzz like a child
You run and you're wild
You can't feel a thing anymore
Then you hit the wall

I'm your hero in the darkest show
A face in a crowd, all out of their minds
I ride on the shoulders of monsters that lurk below
And I'm snowblind
I must be snowblind

The first time it hits you
You stumble and fall
The second one doesn't hurt at all
There's pain in the ecstasy
And you feel so small
So small...

You run and you're wild, then you hit the wall
I'm snowblind
I'm snowblind

Exotique

Slowly, so very slowly, the curtain moves
Sweet smoke fills the air, the lights are blue
A sequin in the darkness stabs my eyes
And I see her as the music starts to rise
Her eyes are darkest cobalt, her moves are sure
As she moves like a serpent across the floor

Her hair falls about her like golden chain
And her spell devours me as the bourbon hits my veins
Her fingers move like ripples on an ever-rising sea
And her body moves like a zephyr as her hips sway toward me

And the sweat on her body
Makes lines on her perfect skin
As her veils swirl and tumble
And her body starts to spin

There's an old man sitting by me
I think he's watching his last show
As he sinks down onto his knees,
It's a lovely, lovely, lovely way to go

Then her eyes settle on my eyes
And her face fills with intrigue
As she slides herself toward me
I know I'm way out of her league

And as she moves to her crescendo
And the music starts to slow
I reach out my hand to touch her
But, Honey, that's somewhere you can't go

Pretty Dreamer

Left home without a care
Dreams of stardom filled your mind
Optimistic were your views
But the world can be unkind

So you try to find your space
In this crowded unlit mews
This pursuit of fame will never bring you down
But you're never in the news

So dream on, Pretty Dreamer
Build your castles in the sky
Direct your focus on another day
Wake up, it's not your time

So you wake up in someone else's bed
Head pounding in your hands
In the mirror, you don't recognise yourself
But you can always pull the blinds

Cheap wine and half-smoked cigarettes
Is now the way you pass your time
You read the magazines you pictured yourself in
Then it's time for one more line

So dream on, Pretty Dreamer
Build your castles in the sky
Direct your focus on another day
Wake up, it's not your time

Dream on, Pretty Dreamer
Dream on, Pretty Dreamer
The dream is yours, it's yours, in time
But the dream is so unkind

Underworld

You can run, but you can't hide
From this social media world
A Justice Warrior, you have your say
By your peers you'll be impelled
Then you can feel part of the Underworld
You can be part of the Underworld

Wave your banner, don your mask
As your neighbourhood you burn
Like your secret society
Where normality you spurn
So you can feel part of the Underworld
So you can be part of the Underworld

Stand up
Raising your head so we know who's there
Rise up
Making your stand, but no one cares
Rise up, rise up now
Stand up, rise up now

Strand up
Taking your chances with no one there
Get fired up
Without consequences to blame, to bear
Get fired up
Rise up now
Stand up, rise up now

Use your keyboard as your sword
As you fight for no-one's rights
You've no conception of reality
As you type into the night
But you can feel part of the Underworld
So you can be part of the Underworld
But you can feel part of the Underworld
So you can feel part of the Underworld

Stand My Ground

I do my job with handcuffs on
In my fight against the sleaze
Yet still they come, like shadows on the run
The criminals move with ease

The air is warm, yet my blood runs cold
My shoulders weighed down by the stress
Yet the weight upon them
Is the gold around their necks

When the blue light shines, but all you see is red
When there's no fear in sight
Draw your gun, I'll stand my ground
Should it be fight or flight

I stand my ground
I stand my ground
Baby, I stand my ground

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PART 2

Red Light

I feel like I'm clutching to a rope that's frayed and I'm left hanging
I feel like I'm swaying to and fro in the wind and my head keeps banging
We know secrets, don't we though?
If your red light's shining, do I stay or go?

I feel like I'm running down a hill in shoes that just don't fit me
I feel like I'm heading for a wall of bricks - and it's gonna hit me
Take it easy, Honey, take it slow
If your red light's shining, do I stay or go?

I feel like I built my house on a hill of clay and I'm slowly sinking
I feel like I want to run away and hide, but what am I thinking?

I know things you don't want me to know
Your red light's shining like an afterglow

Red light
Red light

Take it easy, Honey, take it slow
If your red light's shining, do I stay or go?

Empty Love

Well, this love is on the ropes
But this heart is full of hope
Coz nothing, no nothing seems to fit
I just want this fixed
and opinions, they are mixed
As your friends just stop and watch the show

So how can I fill this empty love?
How can I fill this empty love?
It's not a one way street
But you make me complete
How can I fill this empty love?

Well, time's still on our side
To you I will confide
That without you, yeah without you, I'm a fool
If we can build this wall
And, if we can both stand tall
Then, together, we can see this through

Well, how can I deal with this empty love?
How can I fill this empty love?
It's not a one way street
But you make me complete
How can I fill this empty love?

If we just stand our ground
Without vultures swooping down
To pull apart the flesh of our love
If we can stand the test
With the strength that we possess
It's good enough, yeah, it's good enough

So how can I fill this empty love?
Yeah, how can I fill this empty love?
It's not a one way street
But you make me complete
How can I fill this empty love?
How can I fill this empty love?

Last Summer's Dream

Well I tried my best to warn you
But the city left you torn and on your knees
The night became your master
A world of sex and drugs and sleaze
Baby please...
Nothing's quite what it seems
Where is last Summer's dream?

Well, the demons came and took you
Now it's just so hard to look you in the eye
Your skin is pale and punctured
And your mind, it doesn't function, wonder why?
Don't cry...
Nothing's quite what it seems
Where is last Summer's dream?

Nothing's quite what it seems
That was last Summer's dream

Well I tried so hard to catch you
But you slipped through my fingers to the floor
And I just couldn't match you
I just had to watch you suffer more
It's a war...
In our world of extremes
Nothing's quite what it seems
We hide ourselves from the screams
Forget last Summer's dream

Dance For Me

Dance for me, dance for me tonight
Dance for me, dance
Dance for me, dance for me tonight
Dance for me, just dance

When eyes, like knives, prick your perfect skin
Hide yourself away
When poisoned whispers burn their way in
Hide yourself away
Then rise again
And fly and fly and fly and fly, etc

Dance for me, dance for me tonight
Dance for me, dance
Dance for me, dance for me tonight
Dance for me, dance

When love and hate become one perfect state
Wipe your tears away
When the hands of the healer hesitate
Rise again today
Rise again
And fly and fly and fly and fly, and fly
And fly away

Heading out on a cold dark night
Stars like scattered stones
Riding out like a bold dark knight
With a feeling in my bones
I'm gonna find you, bring you back to life
I'm gonna fix you, I'm gonna fix you right

Fallen angel with a broken wing
Landed in my arms
I won't drop you, that's the last damedest thing
I'll do before the Reaper comes
I'm gonna hold you, bring you back to life
I'm gonna fix you, I'm gonna fix you right
I'm gonna fix you!

New dawn, new day, new start
The sunlight burns my eyes
Cold land, cold feet, cold heart
The dream is realised
I'm gonna take you, take you back to life
In the place we call Paradise.

Dance for me, dance for me tonight
Dance for me, dance
Dance for me, dance for me tonight
Dance for me, dance

When all is said and all is done
We hide ourselves away
I know I'm not the only one
But we must face the day
But we rise again to dance again
Dance for me
Dance for me
Dance for me

One Last Thing

It's always the same
The same old routine
Being part of a game
Like somebody's play thing
I'm sick of the night time
And tired of the day
Gotta get away

And then there's the papers
The drugs and the guns
The whores and the dealers
We're all on the run
I'm sick of the shootings
And I'm tired of the blades
Just gotta get away

I emptied my pockets
I showed you my past
I opened my heart and gave you the key
I sold my soul to the cause
And I gladly played my part
But I just can't go on now the magic has gone
And I keep going back to the start

It's always the same
The same old story
Caught in a flame
I'm starting to burn
I'm sick of the city
And I just can't face the day
Gotta get away
I just gotta get away

I gave you it all
That I had to give
Tried to keep this filthy city clean
I've seen the mighty fall
I've felt the scorpion's sting
But I just can't go on now I'm tattered and torn
So I'm giving you this one last thing