

**TOTAL SUBMERSION**

**by**

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## I NEVER THOUGHT

After all I've seen  
Nothing is real, nothing is real  
About you  
Shadows fall too far  
I cannot feel, I cannot feel  
What may be true

I never thought I would say this  
I never thought I would be  
Under a tree, feeling free  
Mentally, without you, without me  
By degree

All those times you breathed  
Laughter and all, laughter and all  
Those last words  
Many kinds of fear  
I felt for a time. Felt for a time  
With you near

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Under a tree, feeling free

## DOUBLE YEARN

That's the rulebook that I wrote for you  
That's the agony I put you through  
I'm the object of your worshipful gaze  
I'm the reason why you pray for days  
My design is what you'll answer to  
I hold the ring and you're to jump right through  
I can chose who will fall today  
It's my pleasure and I'll have my way

In the early hours I hunger for your voice  
And when you call my name  
It will be my choice if I answer you  
Or let you call in vein

There's an alcove where I search for you  
Where my soul can cry, I know it's true  
They berate me for what I feel inside  
They are sinking where I swim with the tide  
When the spirit comes I choose a name  
I ignite the fuse and fan the flame  
Those around me must be burning with fear  
Face ablaze without a single tear

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Your perversion serves to make me real  
Your belief can make me see and feel  
Who created first is not for me to know  
As long as we can put on a hell of a show  
Make me sacred with a sacrifice  
Give me value with a heavy price  
Strike the doubters who refuse to bow down  
Tell them I'm the only savior in town

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If I stray from you forgive me  
If I yearn for you release me  
If I stumble in the holy place  
If I disappear without a trace  
When you feel alone, search for me  
In the only place I'd rather be  
We can be as one, together you and I  
You're a spitting image, just a regular guy.

## EYES OF A STRANGER

Is that the way that we're playing  
Flirting glances across the bar  
In a moment defining  
In a glance there was born a star

I noticed you in the eyes of a stranger  
I called for you in the depth of a poem

And yet the moment is passing  
Will fall apart and go our ways  
Two halves of lightness retreating  
To the darkness of bygone days

I noticed you in the eyes of a stranger  
I called for you in the depth of a song

All I know is just a memory  
Can't recall it in the dark  
There's a mortal danger of losing who we are  
You're the fading stranger, the deathsong of a star  
I know that you are waiting somewhere  
Calling from afar

Could it be you deceive me  
Apparitions may come and go  
There is no one to believe me  
When I tell of this moments glow

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I called for you in the depth of a poem

I will go there this evening  
Search for you in a waxing moon  
In the corner where I'm leaning  
Maybe sunlight will come too soon

I noticed you in the eyes of a stranger  
I called for you in the depth of a song

## THE TALE OF 3 RIBBONS

She won three ribbons at a fair  
She would not tie them in her hair  
She tied them to her headboard frame  
Just below the windowpane

One for working on her craft  
Two for working more than not  
Three for knowing where to stop  
Brightest colors, none were black

And they blew so merrily  
Just above the sleeping she

And now the mourners and passers by  
Caught in a moment, the colors fly  
How they mingle, how they mingle

Notice the way the sky turns black  
They weight of the snow, the branches crack  
The frozen trail of a mother's tear  
The angry hands on the ice-cold bier  
Notice the guilt in the siblings near  
The pity and stench of selfish fear  
The oblong shadow gliding past  
The silhouette of a canceled past  
Notice the way they rub their hands  
The nervous way they cling to the land  
The reticence of a distant bell  
The cloying bark of this death knell  
Notice the ones that turn away  
With the falling ash and the falling clay  
The sated lust and the secrets kept  
Locked away in the icy crypt  
Three colors mark the grave  
Tricolor on the stony pave  
Flying like an ancient flag  
Locked upon this hardening crag

See the quiver of betrayal  
See the stance of denial  
There upon the hallowed ground  
Here beyond the quick and the found

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Red for the crimson blood that flowed  
Blue for bruises and the vein that slowed  
Green for the life brutally undone  
All for fate so cruelly won

Red for lips blushed with youth  
Blue for eyes flush with truth  
Green for the bounty of each day  
Flutter in the breeze just like yesterday

## JACOBITE

The Murderous ring of steel on steel  
The highland cry, the praying wheel  
In rosy white, the shadows come  
The English sentry overrun

We'll kiss all the girls at noon  
We'll march to a rebel drum  
There's blood in the eye of the moon  
No regret in the songs of the sun

The clinking of the smuggler's wares  
The devil finds you unprepared  
Black money runs, the knotted noose  
The whining gate, the prisoner loose

What is it now, this wrangling?  
Who can speak for the worth of a king?  
Come tell me how this schism unfolds  
The world of the meek and the blood on the gold

Shadowy prayers and subterfuge  
The priestly lust for fire and deluge  
Armies at angles, meeting head on  
Logic in shambles and sanity gone

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A deposition, the theft of a throne  
A yielded position, a chill on the bone  
The fight to a standstill, young boys in the field  
This blot on our history, this cleft in the shield

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This bloody perversion, doomed to repeat  
This cancerous dance, this song of defeat  
This act of coercion, this theft of our youth  
Religious angst, our gospel of truth  
We'll kiss all the girls at noon  
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## SUNBURN

Sunshine  
Sunshine

I can feel you on my back, burning  
Left me in this desert space, yearning

I Dream of Rain

Can't get away from you, trickster  
Miles of endless sand and blister  
Wretched fate, your sister

No shadow falls

I can vouch for you, endless

Nowhere to hide  
I melt inside

Soon I will succumb, it's over  
Face in spiteful sand, my lover

Sunshine  
Eternal fire  
Sunshine  
Funeral pyre

You can see just a speck, carrion  
You can trace a silhouette, only one

You send the rain

Drops on a parched tongue, teaser  
Salt to slake a fire far gone, appeaser  
A single tear in the flame, miser

No shadows fall

I will surrender here, mortal  
You melt inside

## RE-GIFTED

I say the word, the wind obeys  
The autumn swirl, the length of days  
I make a sign, I turn the rhyme  
And lo, she comes again

Dancing and laughing we run with the tide  
You gave your song to the Sea  
I conjure darkness for lovers to hide  
You gave your last breath to me

On my command, the shadows grow small  
The summer swell, the nightingale call  
I make a sign, I pantomime  
And lo, I'm alone again

Dancing and laughing we run with the tide  
You gave your song to the Sea

## SWIMMER AND THE SIREN

In a wine red sea  
You can swim to me  
I'll love you, love you  
For all the miles you see  
You can meet me here  
When your mind is clear  
I'll hold you, hold you  
I'm your anemone

Careful now, the darkening of the day  
The shore is far, you have to try to swim away

I know it's cold  
I can see you're bold  
I'll move you, move you  
In currents that hold  
A love that's deep  
The ocean will keep  
The next time, next time  
You call to me in sleep

Careful now, the darkening of the day  
The shore is far, you have to try to swim away

You'll hear my song  
Before very long  
We'll meet here, meet here  
In all the ocean's throng  
Soon you'll believe  
You won't have to leave  
I'll teach you, teach you  
You won't need to breathe

I can feel your fingers pulling me down  
I can feel your fingers pulling me down

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You can swim to me  
I'll love you, love you  
For all the miles you see  
You can meet me here  
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## MESSIANIC

I once walked through a town  
The square was rather round  
And all the people there  
Would look at me and stare

You  
You must be the one  
The stranger is among us  
The savior is upon us

Feverishly I tried  
To find a place to hide  
I feel misunderstood  
I was just passing through

You  
You must be the one  
The stranger is among us  
The savior is upon us

Upon a pedestal  
A lofty place to rule  
Just what was I to say  
The price I could not pay

You  
You must be the one  
The stranger is among us  
The savior is upon us

Reluctantly  
I climbed a tree  
Figuratively  
Some kind of Jesus, me

## THE SNEAK

Gotta be furtive, gotta be holy  
Gotta be sneaky, no rigmarole  
Gotta be stealthful, ready for glory  
Gotta be mindful, like telling a story  
Gotta be ready, gotta make stances  
Gotta be steady, no second chances

I can see the end line  
Finish what you've started  
Don't be talking victory  
You know it's not that easy

Don't just talk and posture  
Gotta have some substance  
No one recognizes failure  
Just overcome your shadow

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## CANDID CAMPFIRE

She stays to watch the dying embers  
When everyone's gone drunken to their sleep  
She stoops to read the hieroglyphic wonders  
The secrets blaze, then in the furnace keep

Just stay a while and die with me  
Another day can wait a while  
My ruby light can wash away your gloom  
Don't walk away to misery  
Another step is a lonely mile  
This fading lamp can change your blackest tune

Where others seem to love their blindness  
Yours is not to feast upon the worm  
Do yourself no more unkindness  
In this waning candle hold but firm

Just stay a while and die with me  
Another day can wait a while  
My ruby light can wash away your gloom  
Don't walk away to misery  
Another step is a lonely mile  
This fading lamp can change your blackest tune

Just stay a while, burn with me  
Just stay a while, burn with me

She stays to watch me gnaw upon the timber  
My last act before I go to ash  
She cherishes each purple laden cinder  
She finds a secret gospel in the flash

Just stay a while and die with me  
Another day can wait a while  
My ruby light can wash away your gloom  
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## FOR DAYS AFTER

For endless days  
Without relent  
It carries on  
With no intent

It happens quick  
Just as it should  
At the time  
It's understood  
It's nothing, it's out of site  
Forgotten, inconsequent  
Buried deep in sediment  
And now it creeps back to my soul

Days after it lingers  
And later, it changes

Was just a flash  
A single thing  
Not a time  
On which to cling  
No matter, no big deal  
A trifle, a little thing  
Was barely even real  
And now it seeks to take control

Fictitious  
My Memory  
Never mine  
Yet real to me

Days after it lingers  
And later, it changes

Consider this  
I made it up  
Imagined  
And tarted up  
Deception, fell for it

Concoction, I took the cup  
Drunken from my wit  
And now I've fallen down the hole

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## STREAM OF DESTINY

He walks in the forest shadows, mind in a daze  
The footsteps he leaves behind, linger for days  
Unsure of the task ahead, nowhere to lay down his bed  
His feet in fear but tread, yonder and away

They say it's a sacred rite, he wonders the worth  
They boy will become a man while roaming the earth  
He kicks at the gritty leaves and angers the parent trees  
A child to do what he please, just for today

Pray me now to understand  
I must kill, become a man  
Feather in my eel skin band  
It is written, so it's planned  
Pray me now to understand  
I must kill, become a man  
Medal on my bedside stand  
It is written, so it's planned

He comes to an end in the trail  
He feels the sunlight pale  
Destiny, should he flee  
Or carry on dutifully

What then but the faintest of sounds  
Rushing at him under the ground  
A stream in the earth below, he's caught in the undertow  
Nothing can resist the flow, coming of age

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There in the undergrowth, he forfeits his youth  
There in the darkening sky, a moment of truth  
Blood in his ancient veins, blood that his steel demands  
Flows with the silent drain, of innocence

He walks through the sunlit trees, his conscience is clear  
This path back to the clan, is marked with shed tears  
Aware of the rushing sound, the currents flow underground  
The torrent to which he is bound, yonder and away

## UNDERWATER PROMISE

Your foot gets caught and you're down in the deep  
An eye flashes by for a casual peep  
You feel like prey for a superior beast  
A toothy smile before a silent feast  
When you're left to dangle at the end of a rope  
Your mind turns black like the end of all hope  
When you feel the vacuum before the storm  
And you can taste the void without the form

Underwater sunlight  
Is underwater rain

When she bruised your soul at the end of a promise  
Like a jet black stone crushed into pumice  
When he let you down a bit too quick  
And you shatter your shins in a cold dark pit  
When a loving embrace becomes a strangle  
When a kiss in the dark can leave you mangled  
When you think you're gonna die of a broken heart  
When you can't take the pain of a lover's dart

Underwater sunlight  
Is underwater rain

When you find out late that your life's another lie  
Left on a stoop where the shadows fly by  
When you're all cracked up like a coral cluster  
On the sea-floor with no strength to muster  
When you feel like there's nothing 'tween the dust and the dust  
The ashes and the ashes, all rust to bust  
When you're feeling the pain to the nth degree  
And you're staring at the mirror of destiny

Underwater sunlight  
Is underwater rain

You gotta go down to the bottom I say  
All the way, all day, you better just stay  
Down in the muddy bottom way down there  
You're at the end of a chain and no one cares  
Let your eyes adjust and wait awhile in the deep  
Let 'em look you over, let 'em see you weep  
It's just then you fee the first ray of light  
Like a quilted star on the fringe of night

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Is underwater rain