

Memory Lane

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This is the place you'll end up
When you lose the chase
Where you're dragged against your will
From a basement on the hill And all anybody knows
Is you're not like them
And they kick you in the head
And send you back to bed Isolation pulled you passed a tunnel to a bright world
Where you can make a place to stay
But everybody's scared of this place, they're stayin' away
You're little house on memory lane The mayor's name is Fear
His voice patrols the pier
From a mountain of cliché
That advances everyday The doctor spoke of clout
He reigned out loud
"You'll keep your doors and windows shut
And swear you'll never show a soul again" But isolation pushes you til every muscle aches
Down the only road it ever take
But everybody's scared of this place, they're stayin' away
You're little house on memory lane If it's your decision to be
Open about yourself
Be careful or else
Be careful or else I'm comfortable apart
It's all written on my chart
And I take what's given me
Most cooperatively I do what people say
And lie in bed all day
Absolutely horrified
I hope you're satisfied Isolation pushes past self hatred, guilt and shame
To a place where sufferin' is just a game
But everybody's scared of this place, they're stayin' away
Your little house on memory lane
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