

Empty Cages

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Waiting in the wings
Your courage sings before you falter
Its just another way to say
Whats there but never showsIts just another day to lay
Your sins before the altar
And where its going to end
This time around nobody knowsEvery time it seems
That you have gained an understanding
Those devils at your heels reach up
And try to tip the scalesWaking from a dream
You see its all been done without you
And every vain attempt to make it stay
Is destined to failFury rages through your restless days
Shades of time thats gone before
Empty cages where the prisoner plays
Til the door swings closed behind for evermore
Evermore, evermoreLong before we come of age
We yearn to leave the garden
And wrestle with a myth
The hand of fate has faintly drawnBut somewhere on the way
We feel our hearts begin to harden
And see just as we learn
To turn around, the garden is goneFury rages through your restless days
Shades of time thats gone before
Empty cages where the prisoner plays
Til the door swings closed behind for evermore
Evermore, evermore

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