

# 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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