

Six Degrees Of Inner Turbulence

Dream Theater

6th Degree - Six Degrees of Inner Turbulence [42:04]

music by Myung, Petrucci, Portnoy, RudessI. OVERTURE [06:49]

(instrumental)II. ABOUT TO CRASH - [lyrics by John Petrucci] [05:51]She can't stop pacing

She never felt so alive

Her thoughts are racing

Set on overdriveIt takes a village

This she knows is true

they're expecting her

And she's got work to doHe helplessly stands by

It's meaningless to try

As he rubs his red-rimmed eyes

He says I've never seen her get this badEven though she seems so high

He knows that she can't fly

and when she falls out of the sky

He'll be standing byShe was raised in a small midwestern town

By a charming and eccentric loving father

She was praised as the perfect teenage girl

And everyone thought highly of herAnd she tried everyday

With endless drive

To make the grade

Then one day

She woke up to find

The perfect girl

Had lost her mindOnce barely taking a break

Now she sleeps the days away

She helplessly stands by

It's meaningless to try

All she wants to do is cry

No one ever knew she was so sadCause even though she gets so high

And thinks that she can fly

She will fall out of the sky

But in the face of misery

She found hopefulness

Feeling better

She had weathered

This depressionMuch to her advantage

She resumed her frantic pace

Boundless power

Midnight hour

She enjoyed the raceIII. WAR INSIDE MY HEAD - [lyrics by Mike Portnoy] [02:08]Napalm showers

Showed the cowards

We weren't there to mess aroundThrough heat exhaustion

And mind distortion

A military victory mounted on innocent groundHearing voices from miles away

Saying things never said

Seeing shadows in the light of the day

Waging a war inside my headYears and years of

Bloodshed and warfare

Our mission was only to get in and killA free vacation

Of palmtrees and shrapnel

Trading innocence for permanent psychotic hellHearing voices from miles away

Saying things never said

Seeing shadows in the light of the day

Waging a war inside my headFeeling strangers staring my way

Reading minds never read

Tasting danger with each word I say

Waging a war inside my headIV. THE TEST THAT STUMPED THEM ALL - [lyrics by Mike Portnoy]

[05:03]Standing in the darkness

Waiting for the light

The smell of pure adrenaline

Burning in the nightRandom blinding flashes

Aiming at the stage

Intro tape begins to roll

Igniting sonic rageStill they keep me between these hollow walls

Hoping to find in me

The answers to the test that stumped them all"The boy is simply crazy

Suffering from delusions

We honestly think that maybe

He might need an institutionHe lives in a world of fiction

And really could use some help

We have just the place to fix him

To save him from himself"Curled up in the darkness

Searching for the light

The smell of stale sweat and shit

Streaming through the nightRandom urine testing

Pills red, pink and blue

Counseling and therapy

Providing not a clueStill they keep me between these hollow walls

Hoping to find in me

The answers to the test that stumped them all"We can't seem to find the answers

He seemed such a clear cut case

We cannot just let him leave here

And put all this work to wasteWhy don't we try shock treatment

It really might do some help

We have just the tools to fix him
To save him from himself"V. GOODNIGHT KISS - [lyrics by Mike Portnoy] [06:17]Goodnight kiss in your
nightgown

Lavender in your bed
So innocent as you lie down
Sweet dreams that run through your headAre you lonely without Mommy's love?
I want you to know I'd die for that moment
You're just a poor girl
Afraid of this cruel world
Taken away from it allIt's been 5 years to the day and
My tainted blood's still the same
I can't help acting this way and
Those bastard doctors are gonna payI'm so lonely without baby's love
I want you to know I'd die for one more moment
I'm just a poor girl
Afraid of this cruel world

Taken away from it allVI. SOLITARY SHELL - [lyrics by John Petrucci] [05:47]He seemed no different from
the rest

Just a healthy normal boy
His mama always did her best
And he was daddy's pride and joyHe learned to walk and talk on time
But never cared much to be held
and steadily he would decline
Into his solitary shellAs a boy he was considered somewhat odd
Kept to himself most of the time
He would daydream in and out of his own world
but in every other way he was fineHe's a Monday morning lunatic
Disturbed from time to time
Lost within himself
In his solitary shellA temporary catatonic
Madman on occasion
When will he break out
Of his solitary shellHe struggled to get through his day
He was helplessly behind
He poured himself onto the page
Writing for hours at a timeAs a man he was a danger to himself
Fearful and sad most of the time
He was drifting in and out of sanity
But in every other way he was fineHe's a Monday morning lunatic
Disturbed from time to time
Lost within himself
In his solitary shellA momentary maniac
With casual delusions
When will he be let out

Of his solitary shellVII. ABOUT TO CRASH (REPRISE) - [lyrics by John Petrucci] [04:04]I'm alive again

The darkness far behind me
I'm invincible
Despair will never find me I feel strong
I've got a new sense of elation
Boundless energy
Euphoria fixation Still it's hard to just get by
It seems so meaningless to try
When all I want to do is cry
Who would ever know I felt so sad Even though I get so high
I know that I will never fly
And when I fall out of the sky
Who'll be standing by Will you be standing by VIII. LOSING TIME/GRAND FINALE - [lyrics by John
Petrucci] [06:01] She dresses in black everyday
She keeps her hair simple and plain
She never wears makeup
But no one would care if she did anyway She doesn't recall yesterday
Faces seem twisted and strange
But she always wakes up
Only to find she'd been miles away Absence of awareness
Losing time
A lapse of perception
Losing time Wanting to escape
She had created a way to survive
She learned to detach from herself
A behavior that kept her alive Hope in the face of our human distress
Helps us to understand the turbulence deep inside
That takes hold of our lives
Shame and disgrace over mental unrest
Keeps us from saving those we love
The grace within our hearts
And the sorrow in our souls
Deception of fame
Vengeance of war
Lives torn apart
Losing oneself
Spiraling down
Feeling the walls closing in
A journey to find
The answers inside
Our illusive mind

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