

# Sweet Release

**Boz Scaggs**

I was born on a side road far from here  
While the town was burning out my dark window  
I was crowned with a cage of cold barbed wire  
And my bottle I keep with me even till now  
Curse my pain, curse the sunrise every dawn  
Those sidewalks ran me ragged, those cracks my only guide  
Long for midnight, long for darkness sweet release  
Beg the alleys for your endless time to cease  
Screaming blackbird on my shoulders  
Mark my nearness to his youth  
Left my senses reeling as he cried, "I understand you"  
(Sweet release, sweet release) Try the handle, try the doorway, try the path  
Try to enter, to enter and to find some solace there, there  
In this clearing, you'll find nothing but a song  
Give it breath, give it sunshine and with you it will belong, belong  
It will whisper, it will stir a gentle breeze, its  
hands are your hands  
They will take you where you please, if you please  
Will you choose to be gentle? It's just your life whatever you feel  
Are we blind for a reason or is it just to make it real, real?  
(Sweet release, sweet release) Show me do, give me seashells for my ears  
Tell your neighbors and forgive them for their fears  
(Sweet release, sweet release, sweet release)

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