Optimist, The

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Given the light, Give it some truth
Given the maybe, Give it some proof
This body is cleaner, I'm one to behold
My truth was uncovered, Untainted and told
I loathed the people I considered oldOh, the optimistTeach me to follow, Teach me to lead
Teach me to stand up, And how to succeed
As long as I'm upright, I'll try to prolong
The notion that future events must go on
No matter the turn out is right or is wrongThey trusted you
And all the things you often made them do, and now
Everyone smilin'
Telling me I've got to trust you to
Do no wrong
'Cause if you do, You just won't live as long, and now
Everyone's cryin'
Someone's telling them to just stop tryingGiven some truth, Call it a lie
Given some action, Ask yourself why
This body is slow, And it's seen its best days
My truth is uncovered, My negative ways
I'm one of the people I struggle to praiseOh, the pessimistTeach me to follow, But never to lead
Teach me to stay down, And never succeed
When everyone's watching, It's hard to admit
The movement of shadows, That lead me to quit
I grapple with time, But I can't make it fitThey trusted you
With all the things you often made them do, and now
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