

Loyal

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Have you ever been betrayed? That shit's the worst hit of pain
When somebody you loved can't look you in the face
And have you ever had your heart torn out
By somebody you thought was a friend
And now your trust is worn down or bought to an end
No pardons can mend it when you're darkened within
Fuck your cause and effect, it's a hard fate to take
And your reasons don't soften the sin, your dogs can bark for you
But you gotta watch when you argue 'cause dogs will bite
And snarl at you, just to remind you they're harmful
I feel awful, I'm a mental case, shattered to pieces
And I've got a palm full, past law school and beyond console
'Cause you've crossed the bar with me
Farther than I've ever thought possible
My choice is now mandatory and not optional
Don't speak another sentence to me, ever mention me
I don't exist, convince yourself you invented me
You've committed the crime of the century and just 'cause loyalty
Ain't a trait you possess, don't think that I'll lessen the penalty
I love you in a place where there's no space in
time
(And that's forever, right?)
I love you for my life, you are a friend of mine
(Only second to family)
I love you in a place where there's no space in time
(Who really got your back)
I love you for my life, you are a friend of mine
(How loyal are your friends, y'all?)
What's your name again? I know, I knew it 2 seconds ago
But, I don't recognize this second face
Though to the first it's identical
You were the type that I put on a pedestal
Your acts were commendable
But the bond of friendship isn't impenetrable
And inevitably the blunt force of ego proved lethal
To a good person forced to wallow in the shit of evil people
Fundamentally filled with avarice, a cheat from the soul
Spending their lives to make sure that you ain't achieving your goals
Unreasonable kings that want to see you jump through rings of fire
For their own amusement, holding nooses, hoping trees are higher
So abusive towards you that truce just doesn't
seem required
'Cause why play the game when you can make the other team retire?
Strings are tirelessly pulled in your favor as you play the rumor creator
Twisting words till they sound like statements you made up
With a big grin you soak it all in, as former friends
Go face to face with contradicting convictions
Plots are thickening, 'cause you pitched in, you feel important now?
Must've been high as kite from snorting clouds

Sorta proud of yourself, and the way you hold your ground
Distastefully wore the shroud, how's it feel to have puppets
To order 'round but I saw through you, even before I found
How you would say no beef, give me dap
And hit me with a quarter-pound
Your loyalty's watered down, bottled with a squirt cap
But when the drama popped off
Where the fuck were you to plug the cork back?
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Men are as harsh, as women are vindictive
Picking apart minutiae, on some bitch shit, kids all in your business
Forget honesty, nowadays you'll be lucky find that quality
In a drama odyssey where cats never react responsibly
And I'm jostling with haters, hypocrites and
hypochondriacs
Abolishing their dated ignorance and fighting copycats
And if I don't give my patience a rest
I'll probably take my anger to death
Complaining about some pain in my chest
Aged and distressed, thinking 'bout who just fucked me
Over 20 years ago, amazing how pricks can miss your skin
Yet pierce your soul but where's the line at?
Like where does loyalty appear to fold
And what do you owe someone
And just what do you feel you're owed?
But yo, you know when you've been done wrong, that numb calm
A breech in the moral code's eternally portable
The moral of the story's old even if it's poorly told
Beware of cats that straddle fences like the chain link rodeo

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