

# 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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