

# Paradiso

## The Chameleons

I recall a closing door and I remember  
Seeing shadows cross a stained glass sky  
Long before the strangers came down to steal our clothing  
And our consciences, long before  
Eyes were empty  
Hearts were cold

We'll watch the rattlesnakes slide  
Slowly swerve into view  
To tease and tantalize  
To sucker your senses and spit out the pieces  
Hey, magazine girl  
She was living in a different world  
Or is it a he?  
Pull back the curtain, my son  
I look around, the colour has gone

And slowly darkness descends upon me  
Paradiso, I know you lied, that much I see

Well the serpent sings his song  
To so many sleeping, staring eyes  
Like sheep they sing along  
And clap in time to a heart that's beating

Crazy child, she was wicked  
Oh, she was wild  
Her eyes are open  
Pull back the curtain today  
I look around  
The colour is grey

Grey as the ghost town that towers above me  
Paradiso, I know you lied, that much is clear to me

I see the poet and the fool  
Walking hand in hand to school

I recall the lonely outcast and I remember  
Laughing children, it was long before

Their eyes were empty  
Hearts were cold  
So, dance this final dance with me  
I'll wrap my sting round your spine  
Will poison wash away the fear  
Wipe the world from my mind?

Look up, what can you do?  
I looked around the colour was blue  
Wise up, it's in your head  
I looked around me and the colour is red

Red as the words that I read on the wall  
Paradiso, kingdoms rise, so must they fall  
And only ashes remain in the end  
Paradiso, I know you lied, lies without end  
I'll see it again and again and again

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