## **Honor Them All**

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THEY SAY THAT YOU CAN CHOOSE YOUR FRIENDS

BUT YOU CAN'T CHOOSE YOUR FAMILY

AND IT'S A LUCKY MAN WHO ENDS UP IN GOOD COMPANY

I'VE DONE MY SHARE OF LOOKING BACK

REGRET'S MY MIDDLE NAME

BUT THE TIME GOES BY SO FAST

YOU TURN AROUND, TOMORROW'S PASSED

AND THE ONES YOU LOVE WILL NEVER BE THE SAMESO WHY DON'T YOU HONOR YOUR

**FATHER** 

HONOR YOUR MOTHER

HONOR YOURSELF ABOVE ALL

HONOR THE GIFTS

YOU BRING ONE ANOTHER

EACH TIME YOU RISE OR YOU FALL

HONOR THEM ALLTHERE'S NOT A FAMILY ON THIS EARTH

DOESN'T SLING A LITTLE MUD

HANDS GET WEARY. HEARTS GET HURT

WE BOW TO THE FLESH AND BLOOD

OH. PEOPLE CAN BE CRUEL SOMETIMES

IT LEAVES A LASTING SCAR

BUT WHEN YOU PUT IT TO THE TEST

YOU USUALLY FIND THEY'VE DONE THEIR BEST

AND AS BAD AS THAT MAY BE

IT'S TURNED YOU INTO WHO YOU ARESO WHY DON'T YOU HONOR YOUR FATHER

HONOR YOUR MOTHER

HONOR YOURSELF ABOVE ALL

HONOR THE GIFTS

YOU BRING ONE ANOTHER

EACH TIME YOU RISE OR YOU FALL

HONOR THEM ALLI HAVE THREE NEPHEWS, ALL MY CHILDREN

**AND MY MEMORIES** 

IF THERE'S ONE THING I WOULD ASK

IT'S THAT THEY KEEP ALIVE THE PAST

SO THE FUTURE DOESN'T HAVE TO END WITH MEI WANT THEM TO HONOR THEIR FATHER

HONOR THEIR MOTHER

HONOR THEMSELVES ABOVE ALL

HONOR THE GIFTS

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