

# Giving Up Everything

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Giving up everything  
My hungry ghost of hopefulness  
Giving up everything  
Not haunted by wanting thisGiving up everything  
The fortune I was saving  
Giving up everything  
I mercy-killed my cravingGiving up everything  
I've opened up my eyes for this  
Giving up everything  
See the cold magnificent emptinessGive what I want for how it is  
The stone inside and the bitterness  
For sweetness at the core of itGiving up everything  
The master plan, the scheming  
Giving up everything  
My cursed search for meaningGiving up everything  
The compass and the map I was reading  
The hinterlands I'm leaving  
I'm finally leaving behindGiving up everything  
The big to-do, the hullabaloo  
Talk of hope for some twisted truth  
For the everlasting ache of itNo longer sleep, not chained to it  
No gate, no guard, no keeper  
No guru, master, teacher  
See the slow, see the faces  
Dissolve to black, no traces

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