## By the River

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An undistinguised knot of waste The man laid open, a soul to test Feel some pressure Building in your chest, is this your last breath? Alone exposed to just blood and bone An empty practice for the hordes Ritual Like complicated insects willWe walk alone Scouring graveyards In search of ourselves We discover strangersThe sleeping eyes of time passed by What might have been sin or doubt The side that's dried and petrified Why mercy's expected is beyond the point of points Of points.... Of points....Open up your eyes Never to realize Coming from the riverside Are screams of MERCY...Cry, we have come too far... Lonely sunrise, climbing into the sky, Only to sleep... Dusted twilight, spilling into moonlight All our lives we're waiting to dieIN FEAR OF THE RIVER We trample under a billion stars And vines that wind over the houses And past the trees Smothering everything...When all drops silent A grave where no light gets in The world resents it When all is placid A tranquil place in time Our Earth shattered We ain't getting by

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