The Ghosts of Home

Fates Warning

Where I come from, no one's home

Twisted branches overgrown

Skin deep roots over broken bone

Dust and glass and the ghosts of homeKnock at the door, no one's home

Empty rooms and shadows flown

Down these halls fading memories roam

Hand and hand with the ghosts of home

Another new horizon

Familiar scene of childhood dislocation

Fingers traced the colored lines

Another road, another destination You said goodbye to empty rooms

And farewell to the walls and windows

Waved to no one in particular

As the lights went out and the doors behind you closedHome again, home againStranger in a strange land

You walk the halls nervous and unseen

Keep your head down don't raise your hand

Alone in the crowd, a ghost in the machineHome again, home againHalf remembered neighborhoods

Twisted branches in dying woods

Broken bones and childhoods

Broken homes in lost boyhoodsSummer wars in the woods

Fleeting blood brotherhoods

Hoped to run but never stood

Wished to stay but never couldWhat did you hope to find

Home again, what could you find?

In doorways and window panes, in broken glass and faded framesCan clocks turn back, the years unwind

Are you still hiding there now

A ghost, trapped behind those walls? So goodbye again to empty rooms

And farewell to walls and windows

Print them once more in your memory

As the lights recede and the road behind you growsHome again, home again

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