## **Turn Soonest To The Sea (Album Version)**

## **Protest the Hero**

Do you remember how it was when you bled?

When you loved and burned in those flames that you've kept
Because Vesta's long been sleeping
And now you've come to accept
That your anatomy defines more than a few

Of the gaping holes in our social fabric and it defines

More than a few one night stands, more than a few prison bars melted in, melted in, melted into wedding bandsWe've made you all the peasants and we've made ourselves the kings

Our queens are still subordinate as an angel without wings

We make it easy to belong which means it's easy to be wrong

"Put some plastic in your tits, and you'd look better as a blonde"I remember when you were hopeful And you never thought your life would be lived inside a coffin with a moral sacrifice and a million social obligations,

Labels and expectations when you were young and modern seventeen in vogue and vague pursuit of a cosmopolitan dreamSo when you bled on the bed as you fed those expectations as a whore and not a human

You embraced with hesitation the very parameters of all you can be

Not a mother, not an aunt, not a sister who's not subdued

Because dignity's not physical and your flesh means more than you

Your flesh means more than you;

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Your flesh means more than I know we'll wake up one day with a gun to the back of our brains You'll be asking for your rib and I'll smile and call you brave

Maybe someday when - when this bloody skull has dried I'll know our city is in ruins when the greatest source of pride is a monument of dicks and ribs and gender crowns we wore

Where underneath, a plaque will read,

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