

# The Beast Within

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If give me your ear  
I'll whisper you wind that could soothe your burnt blood  
The door is right here  
Breathing the air filled with powders and porn  
Now comes the dawnIf I release the dove  
Would it betray the sky and return to your cage  
In the river above  
Can I fold back the pages and just take one look  
Into your jungle bookRefrain: some say it's a lie, some say it's a sin  
Do you know how it ends if you won't let it begin?  
You feel it waking now beneath your skin  
You can't live without the beast withinIf you lift up your veil  
Then I'll finish the features that aren't quite done  
How could we fail  
With all the miraculous masks that we wear  
In shadows and staresLet's seal out the dare  
Your eyes like morning, naked and wet  
What price will we pay?  
Now think back and tell me how we ever got here  
Such tender yearsSome say it's a lie, some say it's a sin . . .

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