

# The Gate

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Over land, I traveled time and space and quicksand  
And for sixty days I knew no other road  
And through the maelstrom, we turned in time with the kick drum  
I was swallowed and twisted and spit out on the coast  
And in this place there stands a gate  
That leads to the heart of the city  
And I've spent seven years and a sea of fears  
In this broken mirror of a city  
Listen to the streets, there's a heartbeat missing in the city  
Sweet sunlight, well, I can see it in my mind's eye  
And I remember feeling alright  
And I saw black clouds and Turin shrouds  
And it smelled of a faded empire  
It's all concrete and steel, we're asleep at the wheel  
And the mayor's just a gun for hire  
Listen to the streets  
There's a heartbeat missing in the city  
Listen to the sound  
There's a time bomb ticking in the city  
I've heard the song, the morning sings  
Outside the gate is everything  
"Let in the light, let in the light"  
Streetwalker said to me she has no need for history  
She has the key, she has the key  
Sweet sunlight, well, I can see it in my mind's eye  
Let in the light, let in the light  
Waking up from a dream  
Where I was the stone and you were the stream  
And Chemical City isn't all that you need  
But it's all that you're getting and they've hidden the key  
Listen to the streets  
There's a heartbeat missing in the city  
Listen to the sound  
There's a time bomb ticking in the city  
Let in the light, let in the light  
I said this place is an unnatural disaster  
And I'm a visitor here so I asked her  
"Where are the trees, where are the trees?"  
And she said, "Free yourself from history"

That is the key, that is the key"  
Sweet sunlight but I can see it in my mind's eye  
I see the light, I see the light  
The gate is gone now, you better run  
The gate is gone now, you better run  
The gate is gone now, you better run  
The gate is gone now, you better run  
Can you feel it?  
There's a heartbeat missing in the city  
Yeah, there's a heartbeat missing in the city  
When all the fat cats are hissing at your pity  
There's a heartbeat missing  
The gate is gone so you better run  
You better run, run, run, run  
You better run, run, run, run  
You better run

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