

# Aish Tamid

## Matisyahu

The place lays phased like a warrior slayed  
Engraved into the space with his sword still raised  
Layers of charcoal sprayed through hallways  
Praise relays off the walls echoin' always  
Dirt covered earth lays beneath my rib cage  
Givin' birth to overgrowth invadin' on to path ways  
Burnt out trees cover streets where children once played  
Sown seeds decay through sacred steppin' stones in disarray  
Where the alter used to be placed  
Interchanged for bloodstains  
Sunrays illuminate smoke filled haze  
Trace of incense, scents of sacrifice stayed  
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Wondering where you've been, won't you come on home to me?  
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Wondering where you've been, won't you, won't you come to me?  
Flashback, patches of grass growin' wild in fact  
Cracked walls burnt black like a kingdom sacked  
Memories like artifacts attacked yet still intact  
Melodies wrapped in glass shatter with the impact  
Air interminglin', ringin' with the singin'  
Of songs once sung, flung, hung into the rafters  
Catastrophe struck, the sound stuck, disaster plastered  
The aftermath a blasted buildin' still standin'  
Like a starved man fasting the skies expandin'  
Clouds passin', dust particles dancin' in broken bars of light  
Streamin' from a shaft slashed into the ceilin'  
Shh, you could feel the ground breathin'  
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Daughter of Zion is lyin' cryin' in the mist  
Mornin' light slips in siftin' through the darkness  
Like a mornin' wife reminisce  
Having visions of her long gone prince  
Memory drips, rain drops tip  
Towin' emptiness  
Intermixed with tears

Like fears left unfixed  
Walls worn thin, frozen fortress  
Like dawn waitin' for a day that got skipped  
Like a life gone wrong wanderin' wilderness  
Lovesick stripped abyss [Incomprehensible] once luscious  
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Aish Tamid eternally, a fire burns continuously  
Wondering where you've been, won't you, won't you come to me?  
Paint the scene, so you can see city pickin' up speed  
On a bench 14th street, taxis streamin' yellow streaks  
Spears piercing through my ears, you could hear the traffic speak  
Jack hammers drill smackin' through the sizzling concrete  
Windowsills spilling tangled telephone wires  
Signs sparking neon lights flashin' like wildfire  
My insides rise, I start to feel paralyzed  
Let out a sigh, a melody blew by like an ancient war cry  
Sunlight hit the trees, it really caught my eye  
Glistenin', listenin' to the breeze  
Dancin' through the trees, freeze  
The city goes in slow motion like a dream  
I'm left empty like a temple turned into a fox den  
Bus fumes drippin', spittin' into city summer sun  
Siftin' through the ash  
Dimly lit vision listenin'  
To the hiss liftin' off a nighttime ocean  
Shim, shim, shimmerin', singein' hair on my skin  
Whispering where ya been?  
Glim, glim, glimmerin'  
From amidst the darkness set sail with the softness  
Breeze travelin' across the seas arisen from within Mt. Zion  
Wind comin' in, pickin' up momentum  
Cuttin' crisply through the darkness ridin' on a rhythm  
A rollercoaster sizzlin'  
Twistin' down the mountain  
Rippin' rocket ship explodin' like a fountain  
Overflowin', spillin' through the courtyard of Jerusalem  
Uncoverin' debris, liftin' up the fallen arisen within'  
To reach the yiddin  
Even in Manhattan, exposed Menorah  
Glowin' in the shadows of destruction  
Trailblazin' through affliction  
Brushin' off the branches  
Golden standin' strong, flames dancin'  
Like a lion roarin', risin' out of nothin'

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