

# The Shattered Fortress

## Dream Theater

Freedom  
Calls my nameSerenity  
Keeps me saneHappiness  
It dulls the painHonor  
To save my fateHoping  
To run awayWillingness  
To understandJustice  
For you not judgeCourtesy  
For all to startKindness  
It's not that hardSelf-restraint  
The self impairedInventory  
My daily breadAnalysis  
Until you're goneLook in the mirror  
What do you see?

The shattered fortress that once built meFaithful ascent, through darkest fires  
I've found the path to take me higherYou're smart enough for me to trust  
Go live your life now

Just keep these steps in your lifeAnd you'll know howIf you're not sure, ask yourself  
Have I done to themAs I would have them do to me?Look in the mirror  
What's that you see?

The shattered fortress, fly now, be free!Faithful ascent, through darkest fires  
I've found the path to take me higherI once thought it better to be right  
But now I have finally seen the light

Sometimes you've got to be wrong, and learn from mistakes  
I live with serenity now, not self-righteous hate(help me be a channel of thy peace  
That were there is hatred, I may bring love)  
(that were there is wrong, I may bring the spirit of forgiveness)  
(that were there is discord, I may bring harmony)  
(that were there is error, I may bring truth)  
(that were there is doubt, I may bring faith)Now that you can see all you have done  
(that were there is despair, I may bring hope. that were there is shadow, I may bring light)It's time to take that  
step into the kingdom  
(that were there is sadness, I may bring joy)All your sins will help to make you strong  
(that I may seek rather to comfort, than to be comforted.  
That I may seek to understand rather than to be understood)And help you break right through the prison wall  
(that I may seek to love, rather than to be loved,  
For it is by self-forgetting that one finds,  
It is by forgiving that one is forgiven)Keep all of me, the desiresThat once burned me deep inside  
Help me live today and help to give me grace

To carry out your ways I am ready, help me be all I can be  
I am ready, help guide me and keep me brave I am responsible when anyone, anywhere  
Reaches out for help, I want my hand to be there  
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