Present Tense

On My Honor

A child on church steps
Reminding me of me
Not in my current state
More content, more clean at seventeen

Whoever he's talking to

I pray they're listening

So he wont end up like meTry to see the good in everything

But that young man's eyes are not for me

They've been blinded and removed

Ground and lit and smoked by breaths too deep

I'm exhaling but my stomach stays week

Like I've swallowed any keys

That may unlock the answers I seekAnd still, I'm sweating through my sheets, too many nights on end Talks and dreams of how I thought I'd be a better man

When I compare the past to my present tense

I'm as clean, as clean as I have ever beenSaw an old man sitting alone

Lunch on a holiday

Wondered who he used to see with him

And it sparked in side of me

The future that I used to see

the way I feel today

The visions that I used to paint

And the canvases in my basement sitting blankWhy can't I accept what's offered to me?

Why can't I accept what's offered to me?And still, I'm sweating through my sheets, too many nights on end

Talks and dreams of how I thought I'd be a better man

When I compare the past to my present tense I'm as clean, as clean as I have ever been

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