

The Book of My Life (feat. Anoushka Shankar)

Sting

Let me watch by the fire and remember my days
And it may be a trick of the firelight
But the flickering pages that trouble my sight
Is a book I'm afraid to write It's the book of my days, it's the book of my life
And it's cut like a fruit on the blade of a knife
And it's all there to see as the section reveals
There's some sorrow in every life If it reads like a puzzle, a wandering maze
Then I won't understand 'til the end of my days
I'm still forced to remember,
Remember the words of my life There are promises broken and promises kept
Angry words that were spoken, when I should have wept
There's a chapter of secrets, and words to confess
If I lose everything that I possess
There's a chapter on loss and a ghost who won't die
There's a chapter on love where the ink's never dry
There are sentences served in a prison I built out of lies. Though the pages are numbered
I can't see where they lead
For the end is a mystery no-one can read
In the book of my life There's a chapter on fathers a chapter on sons
There are pages of conflicts that nobody won
And the battles you lost and your bitter defeat,
There's a page where we fail to meet There are tales of good fortune that couldn't be planned
There's a chapter on god that I don't understand
There's a promise of Heaven and Hell but I'm damned if I see Though the pages are numbered
I can't see where they lead
For the end is a mystery no-one can read
In the book of my life Now the daylight's returning
And if one sentence is true
All these pages are burning
And all that's left is you Though the pages are numbered
I can't see where they lead
For the end is a mystery no-one can read
In the book of my life

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