

# A Nightmare To Remember

## Dream Theater

A nightmare to remember, I'd never be the same  
What began as laughter so soon would turn to pain  
The sky was clear and frigid, the air was thick and still  
Now I'm not one to soon forget and I bet I never will  
Picture for a moment the perfect irony  
A flawless new beginning eclipsed by tragedy  
The uninvited stranger started dancing on his own  
So we said goodbye to the glowing bride  
And we made our way back home  
Life was so simple then, we were so innocent  
Father and mother holding each other  
Without warning out of nowhere  
Like a bullet from the night  
Crushing glass, rubber and steel  
Scorching fire, glowing light  
Screams of terror, pain of fear  
Sound of sirens, smoke in my eyes  
Sudden stillness, blackened silence  
No more screaming, no more cries  
Stunned and bewildered, cold and afraid  
Torn up and broken, frightened and dazed  
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Lying on the table in this unfamiliar place  
I'm greeted by a stranger, a man without a face  
He said, "Son, do you remember? Do you even know your name?"  
Then he shined a light into my eyes  
And said, "Take this for the pain"  
Hopelessly drifting, bathing in beautiful agony  
I am endlessly falling lost in this wonderful misery  
In peaceful sedation I lay half awake  
And all of the panic inside starts to fade  
Hopelessly drifting, bathing in beautiful agony  
"Tell me does this hurt you?", said the faceless man  
Can you move all of your fingers? Can you try your best to stand?  
I asked about the others, is everyone okay?  
He told me not to worry as he turned and looked away  
Hopelessly drifting, bathing in beautiful agony  
I am endlessly falling lost in this wonderful misery  
In peaceful sedation I lay half awake  
And all of the panic inside starts to fade  
Hopelessly drifting, bathing in beautiful agony  
Day after day and night after night  
Replaying the events, did they ever see the red light?  
Over and over, scene by scene  
Like a reoccurring nightmare haunting my dreams  
How can you prepare for what would happened next?  
No son should ever have to see his father such a mess  
It's a miracle he lived, it's a blessing no one died  
By the grace of God above everyone survived  
Life was so simple then, we were so innocent

It will stay with us forever, a nightmare to remember

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