Risk

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Time slips by in the hourglass
You can hear your name
Sand slides through the stranger's hand
As he deals the gameAll the candles are burning low
No more cradles and no more snow
Bet your life on a lucky roll
Play your queen, you could win your soulStakes are high you can live or die
To risk everythingIn your goblet the wine is black
As a moonless night
Wet your lips before you kiss
The blazing lightBets are off but the game is on
Drop the armor you counted on
All your armies are fled and gone
Win your king, you can play your pawnTake your time, you have just begun
To risk everythingCatch your tears in a golden sieve
Don't regret what you did to live
Don't forget that you must forgive
To risk everythingThrough the window you see the storm
That is gathering
Painted gypsies on dappled horses
Are gallopingThrough the trees in the howling wind
Down the hills to the river bend
Shadow ghosts that are blind as night
Shrieking curses against the nightDaring you to come join their flight
And risk everythingCatch your tears in a golden sieve
Don't regret what you did to live
Don't forget that you must forgive
To risk everythingThere is nothing to hold you now
To your fault or mine
Fallen idols and martyred souls
Are the only kindFeet of clay in the emerald skies
Birds of prey when the dreamer dies
Perfect crosses perfect your lies
Burning saints in the flaming skiesBet your life every promise dies
All that's left for you to try is risking everythingCatch your tears in a golden sieve
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