Say Your Prayers

Midnight Oil

Don't wanna live in a prison cell
Don't wanna live in a smoking room
Independence just don't come to you
In the brief of a diplomatSay your prayers for the future
Say your prayers for the past
It might be 'round the corner
It might be all we have

Say your prayersCouldn't live with a compromise

Couldn't live with hypocrisy

Bureaucracy it doesn't have to win

Break the cage of the beast withinSay your prayers in the boardroom

Say your prayers on the stairs

It might be catastrophic

It might be too damn bad

Say your prayersI got the cure for compassion fatigue

Spend a week with the Timorese

Running scared from the military

You can share, you can share your diseaseNow we won't live with an absent master

Couldn't live on an island divided

Don't want my kids to grow up in shame

In a country with a different name

Had to throw them out, had to break the chainsSay your prayers for the future

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I come to you with a plaintive plea

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