

# 24 years

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Tell me!  
How will I ever forget this  
24 years of isolation?  
24 years of black.  
I will never forget this  
24 years of separation  
24 years of pain? I will never forget this  
24 years of ignorance  
24 years of hate.  
How will I ever forget?  
Raped and used with my own blood  
You stole my life and dreams. You are my darkest fear.  
I will never be the same  
I will never smile again  
You brought the darkness into my life  
You taught me how to cry. Why?  
Why? My inner struggle will just end when I  
Take my last breath  
And I will see you suffer  
Until you close your eyes.  
I'm just an empty shell. I will never forget this  
24 years of trepidation  
24 years of lies  
How will I ever forget?  
You stole my innocence  
And gave me living death. Just an empty shell  
I'm just an empty shell.  
SHELL! My inner struggle will just end when I  
Take my last breath  
And I will see you suffer  
Until you close your eyes. I will never be the same  
I will never smile again  
You brought the darkness into my life  
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